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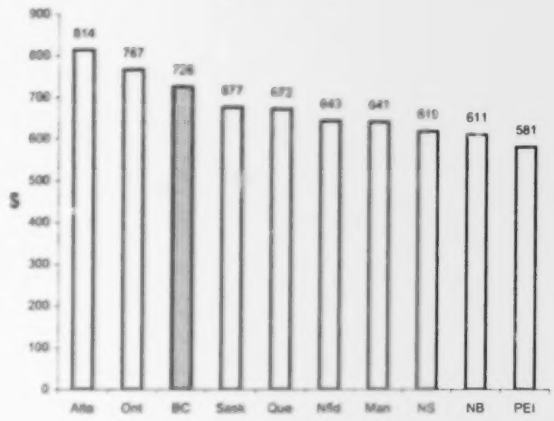
Earnings & Employment Trends ♦ December 2006

Average Weekly Wage Rate* - December 2006

by Province



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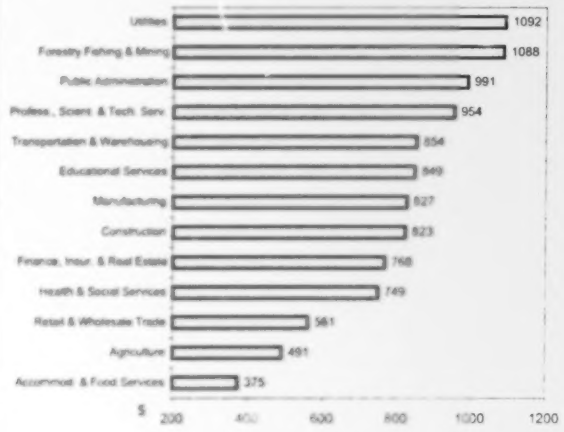

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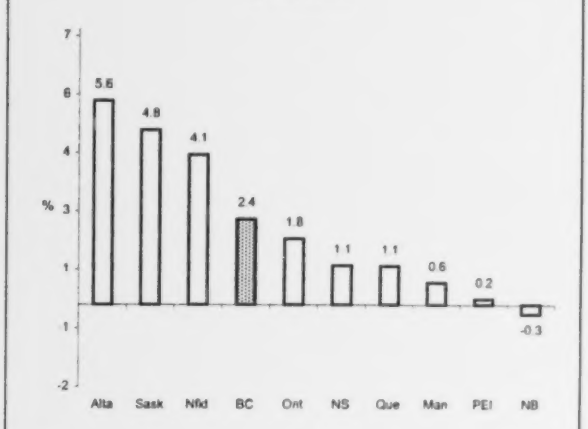

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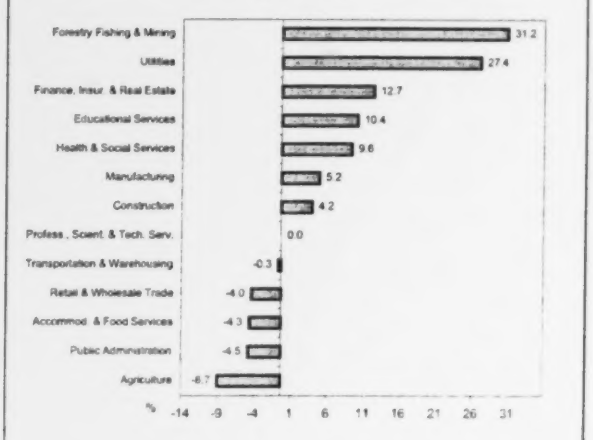

** Latest 12 month average*

** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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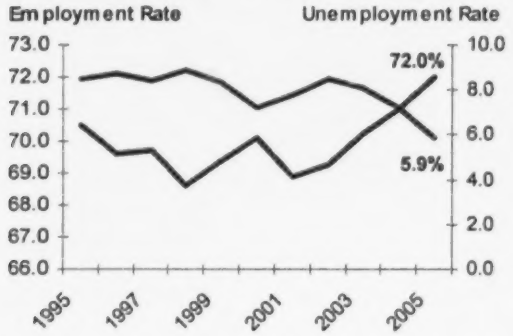
Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

Feature article: Recent Trends in Off-reserve Aboriginal Labour Force Participation

Recent Trends in Off-reserve Aboriginal Labour Force Participation

Over the past five years British Columbia's employment rate[1] has shown steady growth while at the same time unemployment[2] rates have shown a general decline. In 2005, British Columbia experienced the highest employment rate since comparable data have been collected[3] (1976).

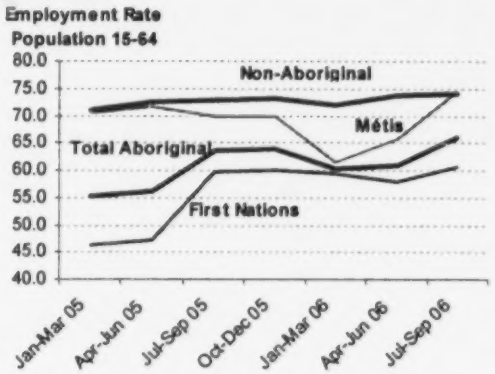
Labour market conditions continue to improve: in the first 10 months of 2006, the employment rate has averaged 73% and the unemployment rate has fallen below 5% for the 15 to 64 year olds



In a period when the BC labour market has been performing extremely well, to what extent has BC's off-reserve Aboriginal population participated in this labour market improvement?

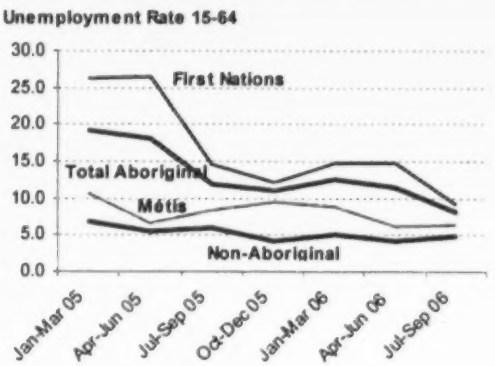
Initial indications are that labour market conditions have improved for not only the overall population, but also for BC's off-reserve Aboriginal population.[4] The Aboriginal employment rate has increased by more than 10 percentage points from 55.2% in the first quarter of 2005 to 66.0% by the third quarter of 2006. This change is largely driven by an increase in employment among First Nations.

Just over half of employed off-reserve Aboriginal persons are First Nations; the largest gains have been among this group.



An increasing share of the Aboriginal population has found work, while the number of people who are unemployed i.e. available for work and seeking work, has declined. The labour force in total has remained fairly constant over this two year period.

Less than half the number of unemployed off-reserve Aboriginal people were looking for work in the third quarter 2006 than in the first quarter of 2005



First Nations unemployment rates fell from 26.2% at the beginning of 2005 to 9.3% by the third quarter of 2006, while rates for Métis fell from 10.5% to 6.3%.

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[1] *The employment rate is the ratio of employment to population. This is limited to the population 15 to 64 as the employment rates drops dramatically after age 64.*

[2] *The unemployment rate is the percentage of the unemployed over the labour force i.e. employed plus unemployed.*

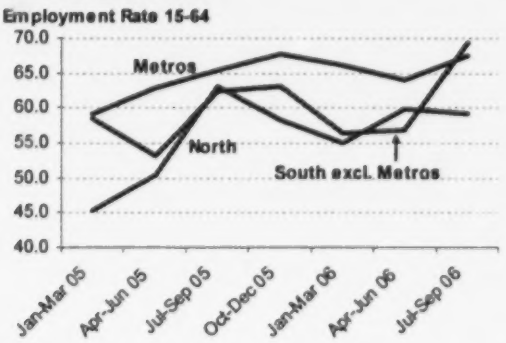
[3] *Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey*

[4] An increased sample in the Labour Force Survey since the beginning of 2005 has provided reliable quarterly estimates for this population

Regional Differences

The off-reserve Aboriginal population is more highly concentrated in the rural areas of the province. Approximately 70% of the adult (15+) non-Aboriginal population of BC lives in the metropolitan areas of Vancouver, Victoria, Abbotsford and Kelowna, while only 40% of the off-reserve Aboriginal population live in these areas. And, while less than 7% of the non-Aboriginal population lives in the North, the North is home to a quarter of BC's Aboriginal off-reserve population.

The Northern off-reserve Aboriginal employment rate has increased 14 percentage points but the non-Aboriginal rate was still 16 percentage points higher in the 3rd Quarter 2006



Employment rates are highest for Aboriginal persons living in the metropolitan areas, but Aboriginal people living in the North have seen the greatest employment gains. The employment rate is up by 13.8 percentage points from 45.3% in the first quarter of 2005 to 59.1% in the third quarter of 2006.

Given the increase in employment opportunities experienced by Aboriginal peoples in the North, it's not surprising to see to see that unemployment rates for Northern off-reserve Aboriginal people have dropped significantly.

Unemployment rates are highest in the North but are converging for the off-reserve Aboriginal population

Education Differences[5]

Participation and success in the labour market tends to be correlated with the level of education. Therefore, It's not surprising that people without any educational credentials have the lowest employment rates and the highest unemployment rates. However, with improving labour market conditions, non-Aboriginal persons in this group increased their participation in the labour force by 7 percentage points from the first quarter of 2005 to the third quarter of 2006.

Among the off-reserve Aboriginal population, the number of persons with no credentials who were employed did not increase, and, although unemployment rates declined for this group, it was due to people dropping out of the labour force as opposed to an expansion in jobs.

The greatest gains in the employment rate were made by the Aboriginal population with high school graduation. The employment rate for this group went from 56% to 73% over the period from the first quarter of 2005 to the third quarter of 2006, and the unemployment rate fell from 25% to 10% during the same period. At the same time, there was no real change in the

[5] Figures quoted in this section are based on the population aged 25-64; previous data covered the population aged 15-64

employment rate (74% to 75%) of the non-Aboriginal population with high school graduation. As a result, the gap between the rates for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal populations for these more highly educated groups has narrowed to 2 percentage points.

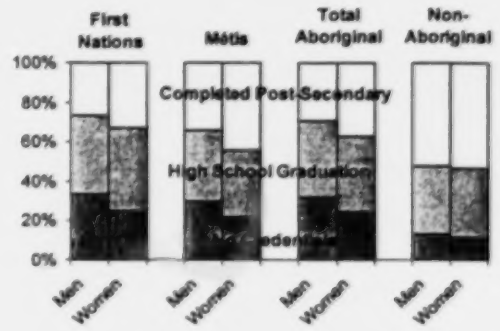
Among the well educated segment of the population (those who had completed post-secondary education), employment rates were high—about 80% for the non-Aboriginal population and ranging from 72% to 80% for the Aboriginal population. Unemployment rates were correspondingly low. Within the non-Aboriginal population, the unemployment rate was one percentage point lower in the third quarter compared the third quarter of 2005 with a year ago (3.7% versus 4.7%); while within the Aboriginal population, unemployment rates dropped by 5 percentage points from 9% to 4%.

Gender Differences

Across the population groups, a greater proportion of women have higher levels of education, either high school graduation and or completed post-secondary, than do men. Among Aboriginal persons, 3 in 4 women have achieved these levels while only 2 in 3 men are similarly qualified. Proportions are slightly higher for Métis than First Nations. Despite the higher education level of Aboriginal women, the gap is still considerable when compared with the non-Aboriginal population.

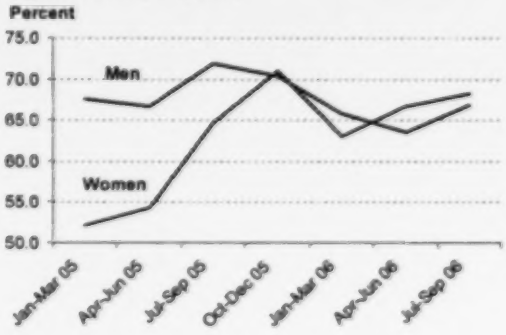
The employment rate for Aboriginal women, while 15 percentage points less than that of Aboriginal men in the first quarter of 2005 (52% and 68% respectively), had reached the men's level by the third quarter of 2006 with some seasonal fluctuation.

Women 25-64 have higher levels of education than men



Comparing the third quarter of 2005 with that of 2006, the unemployment rate for off-reserve Aboriginal women fell from 10% to below 6%, while for men it moved from 10% to 12%.

Employment rates for off-reserve Aboriginal women have shown significant increase, perhaps as a consequence of the improved labour market and higher educational skills



With the strong labour market, the gap between the off-reserve Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal populations has narrowed, and for some segments of the Aboriginal population such as those that are well educated, the gap in labour market outcomes are almost non-existent. If the improvements that are evident during relatively strong economic times are to hold during the weak times, the level of education among the non-Aboriginal populations must continue to improve. The challenge will be to persuade youth to remain in school to reap the labour market benefits of a higher education.

1 SUMMARY TRENDS

	Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
				Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
	% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1996	0.9	1.6	2.9			3.3			0.4	1.7	0.9	1.5	8.7	9.6	5.4
1997	0.7	1.6	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.4	2.1	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
1998	0.3	0.9	1.6	1.4	1.4	3.9	1.1	0.5	2.3	-0.1	2.5	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
1999	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.2	2.7	3.2	0.1	0.9	1.0	1.9	2.6	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
2000	1.9	2.7	3.4	1.7	3.2	3.9	-0.2	0.4	0.5	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	6.8	4.0
2001	1.7	2.6	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.7
2002	2.3	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2003	2.1	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.2	-0.8	0.0	2.5	2.4	0.9	8.0	7.6	6.0
2004	2.0	1.9	2.7	0.4	2.6	2.1	-1.5	0.7	-0.5	2.4	1.8	1.1	7.2	7.2	5.5
2005	2.0	2.2	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	0.5	1.3	-0.5	3.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	6.8	5.1
2005 Jan	2.3	2.0	3.0	4.4	3.0	3.8	2.0	1.0	0.8	2.4	1.3	1.3	6.5	7.0	5.2
Feb	2.1	2.1	3.0	2.8	2.5	1.4	0.7	0.4	-1.6	3.7	1.5	1.3	7.0	7.0	5.4
Mar	2.1	2.3	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.4	0.8	0.2	-0.7	3.3	1.4	1.6	6.5	6.9	5.1
Apr	2.0	2.4	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.0	1.5	0.6	-0.5	3.9	1.2	1.8	6.1	6.8	5.1
May	1.5	1.6	2.8	3.7	2.7	2.3	2.2	1.1	-0.5	3.7	1.2	2.0	5.9	6.9	5.1
Jun	1.5	1.7	2.5	3.4	3.5	2.9	1.9	1.8	0.4	2.1	1.1	1.8	5.8	6.8	5.0
Jul	1.9	2.0	3.2	2.6	3.8	2.7	0.7	1.7	-0.4	2.6	1.3	1.8	6.1	6.8	5.0
Aug	2.1	2.6	3.6	2.2	4.2	1.7	0.1	1.6	-1.9	3.6	1.6	2.1	5.7	6.8	4.9
Sep	2.4	3.4	4.7	1.6	4.2	3.6	-0.8	0.8	-1.0	2.8	1.3	2.1	5.6	6.7	5.1
Oct	2.3	2.6	4.3	0.3	4.0	4.6	-1.9	1.3	0.2	3.3	1.6	2.0	5.1	6.6	4.9
Nov	2.0	2.0	3.5	2.5	3.9	3.5	0.4	1.9	0.1	4.4	1.7	1.7	4.9	6.4	5.0
Dec	1.8	2.2	3.4	1.4	4.0	2.8	-0.4	1.8	-0.6	3.5	1.6	1.9	5.1	6.5	4.9
2006 Jan	1.6	2.8	4.0	1.7	3.5	3.9	0.1	0.7	-0.1	3.1	1.7	2.0	5.1	6.6	4.7
Feb	1.6	2.2	3.6	1.7	3.3	3.5	0.1	1.1	-0.1	3.5	1.7	2.1	4.8	6.4	4.8
Mar	1.8	2.2	3.4	2.9	3.7	4.1	1.1	1.5	0.7	4.0	2.1	2.2	4.4	6.3	4.7
Apr	1.8	2.4	3.5	2.9	3.5	5.1	1.1	1.0	1.5	3.6	1.9	1.8	4.5	6.4	4.7
May	2.3	2.8	4.2	3.2	4.2	2.8	0.9	1.4	-1.3	3.0	2.3	1.7	4.7	6.1	4.6
Jun	2.2	2.5	4.3	3.1	3.6	4.6	0.9	1.1	0.2	3.2	2.2	1.8	4.3	6.1	4.6
Jul	2.0	2.4	4.1	3.2	3.9	5.3	1.2	1.5	1.2	3.1	2.0	1.6	4.7	6.4	4.8
Aug	2.0	2.1	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.6	1.6	1.6	0.8	2.6	1.8	1.5	4.8	6.5	4.7
Sep	1.0	0.7	2.1	2.9	3.2	4.1	1.8	2.5	2.0	3.2	1.9	1.7	4.8	6.4	4.6
Oct	1.1	0.9	1.3	3.7	3.2	4.2	2.5	2.2	2.9	3.0	1.8	1.9	4.6	6.2	4.4
Nov	1.5	1.4	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.1	4.9	6.3	4.5
Dec				4.6	2.7	4.8				2.4	2.1		5.2	6.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1996																						
1997	573.25		612.63		562.34		503.70		508.80		605.28		548.86		488.70		479.75		440.72		495.30	
1998	581.38	1.4	621.21	1.4	574.30	2.1	510.88	1.4	517.48	1.7	612.18	1.1	557.54	1.6	497.82	1.9	494.58	3.1	447.28	1.5	492.94	-0.5
1999	597.08	2.7	628.82	1.2	594.57	3.5	526.79	3.1	532.50	2.9	634.16	3.6	566.69	1.6	506.47	1.7	504.77	2.1	463.69	3.7	496.99	0.8
2000	616.02	3.2	639.37	1.7	617.23	3.8	545.87	3.6	551.82	3.6	656.96	3.6	579.75	2.3	533.68	5.4	523.89	3.8	473.88	2.2	525.69	5.8
2001	635.75	3.2	648.19	1.4	653.69	5.9	571.73	4.7	562.32	1.9	678.51	3.3	596.38	2.9	537.56	0.7	543.33	3.7	496.19	4.7	549.60	4.5
2002	649.94	2.2	668.04	3.1	684.20	4.7	585.61	2.4	574.53	2.2	689.97	1.7	606.22	1.6	546.18	1.6	558.11	2.7	508.69	2.5	567.69	3.3
2003	662.44	1.9	683.68	2.3	688.04	0.6	604.82	3.3	588.61	2.5	701.35	1.6	619.30	2.2	561.46	2.8	574.14	2.9	538.53	5.9	588.26	3.6
2004	679.83	2.6	686.74	0.4	703.63	2.3	627.34	3.7	612.04	4.0	721.00	2.8	641.46	3.6	574.18	2.3	588.07	2.4	562.57	4.5	587.82	-0.1
2005	703.35	3.5	704.49	2.6	757.32	7.6	643.13	2.5	625.21	2.2	744.94	3.3	656.66	2.4	591.28	3.0	607.46	3.3	560.82	-0.3	615.82	4.8
2005 Jan	694.21	3.0	708.11	4.4	733.59	5.7	628.21	-0.5	604.42	0.6	735.95	2.2	649.70	3.6	585.92	2.1	588.47	1.4	584.13	4.6	595.40	2.2
Feb	692.65	2.5	704.75	2.8	737.76	7.3	640.84	-0.5	611.65	0.6	732.70	1.0	646.80	3.6	577.21	1.5	585.86	0.8	583.56	3.4	595.80	2.7
Mar	695.40	2.6	697.93	2.9	735.86	6.4	634.16	0.0	620.34	1.2	736.43	1.1	653.42	3.8	580.51	1.7	600.81	2.5	578.40	2.9	610.06	3.9
Apr	699.73	3.0	700.18	3.5	748.15	8.4	624.56	-0.4	623.21	0.6	743.31	2.0	653.09	3.0	574.80	0.3	611.46	3.6	571.19	1.4	602.29	-0.7
May	696.38	2.7	699.26	3.7	745.07	6.7	634.80	2.1	619.32	0.7	735.15	1.4	654.68	2.7	582.38	3.4	608.62	2.6	557.49	-0.7	611.91	4.0
Jun	701.29	3.5	701.03	3.4	749.67	8.0	644.72	2.9	631.95	2.2	741.62	2.8	656.55	2.4	593.30	6.0	618.86	4.5	546.87	-3.1	626.38	6.9
Jul	701.93	3.8	698.58	2.6	757.60	7.6	645.54	2.8	625.11	0.7	746.97	4.8	652.77	1.0	585.71	2.9	610.08	3.5	537.14	-1.8	611.98	7.7
Aug	708.11	4.2	703.02	2.2	762.10	7.0	648.59	3.9	632.63	2.4	752.96	5.6	660.50	1.7	594.71	4.1	608.81	2.9	545.95	-1.7	630.55	8.3
Sep	713.27	4.2	709.61	1.6	775.50	9.0	656.00	5.3	640.21	5.0	757.25	4.9	660.73	1.5	609.50	5.5	615.76	3.8	549.42	-2.1	631.30	6.6
Oct	711.08	4.0	706.73	0.3	775.06	7.9	647.84	3.7	627.05	2.2	752.31	5.3	664.85	2.1	600.48	1.7	615.37	4.7	559.37	-2.2	623.34	3.8
Nov	712.84	3.9	717.99	2.5	779.80	8.4	652.90	4.6	632.78	4.8	751.83	4.3	663.45	1.6	602.58	2.6	608.15	3.8	566.33	-1.5	623.68	4.8
Dec	712.28	4.0	706.56	1.4	785.26	8.9	659.25	6.5	633.08	4.9	751.89	4.4	662.56	1.7	605.21	3.7	614.85	5.1	561.78	-1.0	621.55	5.8
2006 Jan	718.57	3.5	720.31	1.7	801.44	9.2	663.21	5.6	631.52	4.5	754.31	2.5	667.81	2.8	601.69	2.7	619.62	5.3	564.16	-3.4	639.77	7.5
Feb	715.74	3.3	716.86	1.7	789.54	7.0	670.31	4.6	628.65	2.8	756.15	3.2	660.80	2.2	596.64	3.4	612.17	4.5	567.78	-2.7	643.47	8.0
Mar	721.41	3.7	718.33	2.9	793.57	7.8	672.72	6.1	632.89	2.0	761.75	3.4	669.07	2.4	610.32	5.1	616.08	2.5	586.32	1.4	645.90	5.9
Apr	724.06	3.5	720.63	2.9	804.96	7.6	665.85	6.6	640.65	2.8	766.42	3.1	666.70	2.1	601.46	4.6	616.67	0.9	586.53	2.7	646.47	7.3
May	725.85	4.2	721.82	3.2	810.09	8.7	668.93	5.4	645.47	4.2	764.57	4.0	674.24	3.0	596.37	2.4	615.57	1.1	582.80	4.5	650.52	6.3
Jun	726.66	3.6	722.67	3.1	810.65	8.1	666.03	3.3	642.87	1.7	768.39	3.6	673.42	2.6	598.26	0.8	608.34	-1.7	571.95	4.6	645.58	3.1
Jul	729.45	3.9	721.25	3.2	816.99	7.8	670.58	3.9	641.45	2.6	772.43	3.4	677.21	3.7	606.57	3.6	611.28	0.2	568.50	5.8	617.84	1.0
Aug	734.85	3.8	728.13	3.6	833.92	9.4	677.97	4.5	641.43	1.4	773.50	2.7	682.19	3.3	620.86	4.4	613.67	0.8	568.66	4.2	632.63	0.3
Sep	735.97	3.2	730.10	2.9	828.49	6.8	689.30	5.1	649.64	1.5	776.31	2.5	677.82	2.6	626.24	2.7	627.42	1.9	577.79	5.2	654.29	3.6
Oct	733.76	3.2	732.68	3.7	816.11	5.3	689.50	6.4	647.19	3.2	774.58	3.0	674.46	1.4	626.51	4.3	624.72	1.5	599.63	7.2	659.68	5.8
Nov	734.49	3.0	739.68	3.0	828.17	6.2	693.58	6.2	647.73	2.4	771.99	2.7	671.41	1.2	624.54	3.6	624.24	2.6	606.28	7.1	640.92	2.8
Dec	731.18	2.7	739.16	4.6	833.06	6.1	691.90	5.0	646.01	2.0	764.08	1.6	667.85	0.8	621.22	2.6	633.74	3.1	590.48	5.1	639.80	2.9
Average:																						
Jan-Dec05	703.26		704.48		757.12		643.12		625.15		744.86		656.59		591.03		607.26		561.80		615.35	
Jan-Dec06	727.67		725.97		813.92		676.66		641.29		767.04		671.92		610.89		618.63		580.91		643.07	
% Change	3.5		3.1		7.5		5.2		2.6		3.0		2.3		3.4		1.9		3.4		4.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1996																						
1997	15.59		16.91		14.79		13.55		13.81		16.33		15.32		12.90		12.87		11.79		13.16	
1998	15.78	1.2	17.17	1.5	15.15	2.4	13.76	1.5	14.04	1.7	16.48	0.9	15.49	1.1	13.12	1.7	13.20	2.6	11.94	1.3	13.05	-0.8
1999	16.17	2.5	17.34	1.0	15.76	4.0	14.21	3.3	14.48	3.1	17.00	3.2	15.72	1.5	13.34	1.7	13.45	1.9	12.28	2.8	13.06	0.1
2000	16.66	3.0	17.64	1.7	16.29	3.4	14.73	3.7	14.98	3.5	17.59	3.5	16.07	2.2	14.01	5.0	14.01	4.2	12.63	2.9	13.74	5.2
2001	17.22	3.4	17.98	1.9	17.13	5.2	15.35	4.2	15.34	2.4	18.17	3.3	16.63	3.5	14.20	1.4	14.53	3.7	13.22	4.7	14.32	4.2
2002	17.66	2.6	18.59	3.4	17.99	5.0	15.83	3.1	15.72	2.5	18.54	2.0	16.97	2.0	14.45	1.8	14.81	1.9	13.61	3.0	14.88	3.9
2003	18.04	2.2	19.02	2.3	18.13	0.8	16.42	3.7	16.06	2.2	18.88	1.8	17.42	2.7	14.80	2.4	15.42	4.1	14.52	6.7	15.46	3.9
2004	18.50	2.5	18.99	-0.2	18.54	2.3	16.94	3.2	16.74	4.2	19.43	2.9	17.99	3.3	15.21	2.8	15.79	2.4	15.09	3.9	15.44	-0.1
2005	19.09	3.2	19.36	1.9	19.76	6.6	17.28	2.0	17.17	2.6	20.06	3.2	18.43	2.4	15.63	2.8	16.24	2.8	15.15	0.4	16.09	4.2
2005 Jan	19.02	2.8	19.61	3.0	19.44	5.8	17.06	-0.6	16.60	-0.6	19.97	2.5	18.40	3.3	15.57	1.2	15.99	0.8	15.92	3.4	16.04	2.0
Feb	18.98	2.4	19.52	1.9	19.43	7.2	17.27	-0.4	17.02	1.4	19.83	1.1	18.43	3.7	15.57	1.7	15.93	0.2	16.03	3.4	16.13	3.7
Mar	19.04	2.8	19.24	2.4	19.41	6.2	17.14	-0.4	17.30	2.4	19.99	1.9	18.53	3.7	15.58	2.0	16.19	1.8	15.97	2.7	16.28	2.3
Apr	19.10	3.0	19.32	2.8	19.72	7.8	16.93	-0.5	17.19	1.2	20.11	2.3	18.41	2.9	15.45	0.7	16.34	1.8	15.80	1.8	16.11	0.8
May	18.89	2.4	19.27	3.0	19.53	5.9	17.02	1.6	17.05	1.3	19.78	1.4	18.27	2.1	15.40	2.9	16.12	1.9	15.08	2.4	16.03	3.1
Jun	18.90	2.8	19.19	2.9	19.52	5.8	17.24	2.7	17.17	1.8	19.88	2.6	18.18	1.6	15.53	5.0	16.33	3.8	14.58	-1.2	15.87	3.7
Jul	18.77	3.2	18.87	1.6	19.45	6.5	17.13	2.5	16.96	2.0	19.81	3.7	18.08	1.7	15.26	2.1	16.02	3.4	14.27	-0.6	15.40	5.0
Aug	18.89	3.7	19.13	2.2	19.57	6.0	17.12	3.0	17.10	3.3	19.92	4.6	18.15	1.6	15.42	3.6	16.05	3.7	14.30	-1.4	15.89	7.4
Sep	19.30	3.8	19.52	1.6	20.08	7.0	17.54	3.6	17.40	4.2	20.34	4.6	18.47	1.6	15.91	4.7	16.46	3.7	14.61	-1.7	16.44	7.6
Oct	19.33	3.9	19.48	0.6	20.17	6.4	17.57	3.5	17.28	3.0	20.29	4.9	18.70	2.6	15.80	1.9	16.50	4.6	14.91	-1.5	16.23	4.3
Nov	19.45	3.9	19.69	1.3	20.32	6.7	17.60	4.0	17.39	4.5	20.37	4.6	18.82	2.6	15.95	2.8	16.46	4.0	15.36	-1.3	16.51	5.5
Dec	19.45	3.8	19.54	0.6	20.42	7.4	17.77	5.3	17.59	6.0	20.38	4.4	18.76	2.1	16.15	4.4	16.45	4.4	15.48	-0.5	16.38	4.8
2006 Jan	19.66	3.4	19.86	1.3	20.87	7.4	18.09	6.0	17.49	5.4	20.55	2.9	18.88	2.6	16.18	3.9	16.71	4.5	15.47	-2.8	16.96	5.7
Feb	19.61	3.3	19.81	1.5	20.61	6.1	18.12	4.9	17.34	1.9	20.58	3.8	18.77	1.8	16.24	4.3	16.74	5.1	15.61	-2.6	17.24	6.9
Mar	19.71	3.5	19.71	2.4	20.76	7.0	18.12	5.7	17.49	1.1	20.67	3.4	18.99	2.5	16.35	4.9	16.76	3.5	16.00	0.2	17.15	5.3
Apr	19.69	3.1	19.77	2.3	21.07	6.8	17.86	5.5	17.49	1.7	20.66	2.7	18.83	2.3	16.18	4.7	16.67	2.0	15.95	0.9	16.90	4.9
May	19.60	3.8	19.66	2.0	20.95	7.3	17.92	5.3	17.46	2.4	20.51	3.7	18.89	3.4	15.83	2.8	16.47	2.2	15.18	0.7	16.63	3.7
Jun	19.56	3.5	19.74	2.9	20.94	7.3	17.80	3.2	17.41	1.4	20.52	3.2	18.75	3.1	15.79	1.7	16.35	0.1	14.85	1.9	16.30	2.7
Jul	19.47	3.7	19.62	4.0	20.88	7.4	17.63	2.9	17.23	1.6	20.48	3.4	18.66	3.2	15.82	3.7	16.21	1.2	14.71	3.1	15.74	2.2
Aug	19.58	3.7	19.72	3.1	21.20	8.3	17.72	3.5	17.28	1.1	20.52	3.0	18.75	3.3	16.17	4.9	16.31	1.6	14.72	2.9	15.90	0.1
Sep	19.88	3.0	19.99	2.4	21.62	7.7	18.34	4.6	17.82	2.4	20.78	2.2	18.98	2.8	16.46	3.5	16.85	2.4	15.33	4.9	16.59	0.9
Oct	19.92	3.1	20.13	3.3	21.30	5.6	18.49	5.2	17.80	3.0	20.90	3.0	18.95	1.3	16.49	4.4	16.91	2.5	15.88	6.5	16.74	3.1
Nov	20.02	2.9	20.52	4.2	21.60	6.3	18.62	5.8	17.89	2.9	20.86	2.4	19.01	1.0	16.56	3.8	16.95	3.0	16.27	5.9	16.71	1.2
Dec	19.96	2.6	20.39	4.4	21.62	5.9	18.67	5.1	17.92	1.9	20.74	1.8	18.95	1.0	16.56	2.5	16.93	2.9	16.17	4.5	16.70	2.0
Average:																						
Jan-Dec05	19.09		19.37		19.76		17.28		17.17		20.06		18.43		15.63		16.24		15.19		16.11	
Jan-Dec06	19.72		19.91		21.12		18.12		17.55		20.65		18.87		16.22		16.66		15.51		16.63	
% Change	3.3		2.8		6.9		4.8		2.2		3.0		2.4		3.8		2.6		2.1		3.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	13,421.4		1,816.4		1,405.1		456.8		517.4		5,167.1		3,129.8		305.5		376.9		58.9		187.5	
1997	13,706.0	2.1	1,860.5	2.4	1,451.4	3.3	466.2	2.1	525.6	1.6	5,291.4	2.4	3,172.8	1.4	309.1	1.2	382.0	1.4	58.8	-0.2	188.3	0.4
1998	14,046.2	2.5	1,858.4	-0.1	1,509.9	4.0	470.5	0.9	534.2	1.6	5,453.3	3.1	3,257.5	2.7	315.2	2.0	395.3	3.5	59.6	1.4	192.4	2.2
1999	14,406.7	2.6	1,894.4	1.9	1,544.0	2.3	471.6	0.2	541.4	1.3	5,636.7	3.4	3,328.1	2.2	325.5	3.3	404.0	2.2	60.2	1.0	201.0	4.5
2000	14,764.2	2.5	1,931.3	1.9	1,584.0	2.6	473.5	0.4	552.3	2.0	5,817.1	3.2	3,402.8	2.2	331.2	1.8	411.4	1.8	62.7	4.2	198.0	-1.5
2001	14,946.2	1.2	1,921.6	-0.5	1,630.9	3.0	460.3	-2.8	554.3	0.4	5,926.2	1.9	3,440.2	1.1	330.1	-0.3	415.2	0.9	63.6	1.4	203.8	2.9
2002	15,310.4	2.4	1,965.0	2.3	1,670.8	2.4	468.3	1.7	567.2	2.3	6,031.4	1.8	3,569.9	3.8	343.1	3.9	422.9	1.9	64.7	1.7	207.2	1.7
2003	15,672.3	2.4	2,014.7	2.5	1,716.7	2.7	476.1	1.7	570.3	0.5	6,213.2	3.0	3,628.8	1.6	343.1	0.0	431.2	2.0	66.1	2.2	212.3	2.5
2004	15,947.0	1.8	2,062.7	2.4	1,757.5	2.4	479.7	0.8	576.6	1.1	6,316.5	1.7	3,680.5	1.4	350.1	2.0	442.2	2.6	66.9	1.2	214.3	0.9
2005	16,169.7	1.4	2,130.5	3.3	1,784.4	1.5	483.5	0.8	580.3	0.6	6,397.7	1.3	3,717.3	1.0	350.5	0.1	443.1	0.2	68.2	1.9	214.1	-0.1
2005 Jan	15,678.1	1.3	2,058.0	2.5	1,740.5	1.8	473.4	2.2	567.9	0.9	6,217.0	0.5	3,599.5	1.9	332.9	1.0	426.8	2.2	62.8	4.0	199.3	0.6
Feb	15,769.2	1.5	2,069.8	3.7	1,748.6	1.6	476.3	2.5	573.6	1.7	6,259.3	0.7	3,622.4	1.5	333.6	0.9	425.3	1.3	63.3	4.3	197.2	-0.6
Mar	15,779.8	1.4	2,080.6	3.2	1,755.7	1.6	479.6	3.1	569.6	0.4	6,247.3	1.0	3,620.5	0.9	333.6	0.3	427.6	0.7	63.7	4.3	201.5	0.6
Apr	15,886.3	1.2	2,092.4	3.9	1,754.0	1.0	476.3	0.8	570.6	-0.1	6,312.6	1.2	3,645.9	0.1	336.6	1.6	434.3	1.0	63.5	3.9	200.1	-0.3
May	16,277.0	1.4	2,138.3	3.9	1,800.7	1.9	495.0	1.7	587.0	0.5	6,458.2	1.7	3,698.3	-0.6	359.9	2.1	454.3	1.3	70.6	2.5	214.6	-1.6
Jun	16,489.5	1.0	2,159.2	2.1	1,813.8	1.2	498.0	1.1	589.4	0.4	6,505.1	1.2	3,796.3	0.7	364.0	-0.8	457.7	-0.6	73.3	1.9	232.6	0.0
Jul	16,529.0	1.2	2,161.4	2.6	1,814.9	2.0	497.3	1.7	589.0	1.6	6,486.1	0.9	3,837.8	1.2	368.3	-0.4	458.3	-1.2	73.9	1.7	242.0	-1.1
Aug	16,508.5	1.5	2,166.7	3.5	1,811.9	1.3	492.3	0.6	587.0	0.7	6,507.5	1.4	3,814.1	1.6	367.7	-1.0	460.9	0.5	73.9	1.0	226.3	-1.9
Sep	16,264.6	1.3	2,142.7	2.7	1,786.4	0.7	480.2	-0.5	581.8	0.3	6,419.5	1.7	3,761.0	0.9	357.0	-1.6	443.4	-1.4	70.9	0.7	221.6	1.0
Oct	16,331.4	1.6	2,160.9	3.3	1,791.5	1.8	479.9	-1.2	582.9	0.1	6,473.4	1.8	3,759.0	1.1	351.2	-1.4	447.1	-0.1	69.7	0.3	215.9	1.0
Nov	16,295.1	1.7	2,168.0	4.5	1,796.6	1.7	479.1	-1.0	583.4	0.6	6,459.9	1.8	3,734.3	1.1	351.7	0.3	441.0	-0.6	67.2	-0.3	214.0	3.2
Dec	16,228.1	1.6	2,168.6	3.6	1,798.6	1.9	474.5	-1.3	581.9	0.5	6,427.1	1.4	3,718.2	1.7	349.9	0.9	439.8	-0.5	65.9	0.0	203.5	-2.1
2006 Jan	15,949.1	1.7	2,122.5	3.1	1,780.2	2.3	470.8	-0.5	574.1	1.1	6,337.6	1.9	3,639.1	1.1	342.9	3.0	425.0	-0.4	63.0	0.3	193.9	-2.7
Feb	16,041.7	1.7	2,141.7	3.5	1,812.8	3.7	471.9	-0.9	577.6	0.7	6,340.6	1.3	3,667.5	1.2	342.4	2.6	423.7	-0.4	63.6	0.5	199.9	1.4
Mar	16,106.7	2.1	2,164.9	4.1	1,824.4	3.9	474.4	-1.1	574.2	0.8	6,359.6	1.8	3,675.3	1.5	343.4	2.9	428.7	0.3	63.2	-0.8	198.5	-1.5
Apr	16,195.9	1.9	2,169.1	3.7	1,821.5	3.8	480.0	0.8	582.1	2.0	6,419.6	1.7	3,674.4	0.8	345.4	2.6	436.4	0.5	64.8	2.0	202.6	1.2
May	16,676.0	2.5	2,202.6	3.0	1,899.2	5.5	496.1	0.2	596.5	1.6	6,582.9	1.9	3,789.4	2.5	365.0	1.4	451.8	-0.6	72.7	3.0	220.0	2.5
Jun	16,854.5	2.2	2,226.3	3.1	1,908.8	5.2	503.4	1.1	599.1	1.6	6,624.9	1.8	3,860.0	1.7	373.6	2.6	453.5	-0.9	74.3	1.4	230.8	-0.8
Jul	16,856.8	2.0	2,228.2	3.1	1,897.8	4.6	504.8	1.5	593.2	0.7	6,608.5	1.9	3,887.6	1.3	373.0	1.3	453.0	-1.2	73.5	-0.5	237.1	-2.0
Aug	16,792.0	1.7	2,222.3	2.6	1,906.2	5.2	501.5	1.9	595.1	1.4	6,598.2	1.4	3,843.5	0.8	366.8	-0.2	453.6	-1.6	74.5	0.8	230.3	1.8
Sep	16,565.9	1.9	2,211.0	3.2	1,886.2	5.6	499.1	3.9	590.1	1.4	6,472.7	0.8	3,809.8	1.3	357.1	0.0	443.4	0.0	71.2	0.4	225.3	1.7
Oct	16,623.4	1.8	2,228.1	3.1	1,901.7	6.2	501.7	4.5	590.1	1.2	6,505.2	0.5	3,805.4	1.2	355.5	1.2	445.2	-0.4	69.2	-0.7	221.4	2.5
Nov	16,575.5	1.7	2,209.1	1.9	1,909.7	6.3	497.9	3.9	586.5	0.5	6,518.8	0.9	3,776.0	1.1	350.7	-0.3	443.2	0.5	67.4	0.3	216.1	1.0
Dec	16,574.5	2.1	2,219.6	2.4	1,899.5	5.6	497.3	4.8	585.4	0.6	6,543.9	1.8	3,757.5	1.1	349.0	-0.3	444.5	1.1	66.0	0.2	211.9	4.1
Average:																						
Jan-Dec05	16,169.7		2,130.6		1,784.4		483.5		580.3		6,397.8		3,717.3		350.5		443.0		68.2		214.1	
Jan-Dec06	16,484.3		2,195.5		1,870.7		491.6		587.0		6,492.7		3,765.5		355.4		441.8		68.6		215.7	
% Change	1.9		3.0		4.8		1.7		1.1		1.5		1.3		1.4		-0.3		0.6		0.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1996	34.2		33.2		35.8		35.9		34.3		34.4		33.4		35.0		34.0		35.4		33.8	
1997	34.2	0.0	33.0	-0.6	35.8	0.0	35.7	-0.6	34.5	0.6	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	35.1	0.3	34.2	0.6	35.2	-0.6	34.1	0.9
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.1	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	35.0	0.6	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.3	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.6	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.2	2.2	35.7	2.0	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.7	0.3	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.4	1.1	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.0	35.7	0.0	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.4	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.1	-0.8	34.5	-1.4
2002	33.5	-0.9	32.0	-0.6	34.9	-2.2	34.1	-1.7	33.3	-2.1	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	33.4	-1.2	34.5	-1.7	34.2	-0.9
2003	32.9	-1.8	31.8	-0.6	34.7	-0.6	33.7	-1.2	33.3	0.0	33.2	-2.4	31.9	-2.1	34.1	-1.4	32.9	-1.5	33.9	-1.7	33.3	-2.6
2004	33.3	1.2	32.3	1.6	34.9	0.6	33.8	0.3	33.3	0.0	33.7	1.5	32.3	1.3	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-2.4	33.0	-2.7	33.4	0.3
2005	33.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	35.5	1.7	34.4	1.8	33.4	0.3	33.8	0.3	32.5	0.6	34.2	1.2	33.1	3.1	33.8	2.4	34.1	2.1
2005 Jan	33.7	-0.3	32.8	1.2	35.3	-1.7	32.8	-3.2	33.6	-0.3	34.1	-0.9	32.7	-0.3	34.8	2.4	33.4	3.4	32.9	2.5	33.6	1.8
Feb	33.8	0.6	33.8	1.2	35.5	3.2	32.9	2.5	33.2	-1.2	34.2	-0.6	32.7	-0.9	34.1	1.8	33.3	24.7	32.5	20.8	34.0	3.0
Mar	33.1	0.6	33.8	7.3	35.8	-0.3	34.4	0.3	33.6	-1.8	32.0	-0.9	33.0	0.0	33.8	-1.7	31.5	3.3	32.1	7.0	33.0	-1.2
Apr	34.6	8.1	34.0	9.0	35.9	8.1	35.8	10.8	34.6	4.2	35.0	5.7	33.7	12.3	33.6	3.1	34.1	8.6	33.5	7.4	33.7	18.2
May	34.7	-0.6	33.8	1.2	36.0	-0.3	37.1	0.3	35.1	2.0	35.0	-1.4	33.5	-1.2	35.0	-0.6	34.9	-1.4	36.1	-4.5	35.5	1.1
Jun	35.0	0.3	33.8	-0.3	36.4	0.8	36.3	0.0	34.9	-1.1	35.3	0.0	34.0	0.6	35.8	1.1	35.1	0.6	36.4	-2.4	37.3	2.5
Jul	32.1	0.3	31.8	-0.9	34.6	1.2	33.4	2.8	32.2	-0.3	32.3	0.6	30.2	-0.3	33.6	3.1	32.5	1.2	34.3	1.8	34.5	-0.6
Aug	32.0	0.0	30.9	-0.3	34.2	0.9	33.4	1.8	32.4	2.2	32.5	0.3	30.3	-1.3	33.4	2.1	31.7	0.6	34.1	3.0	32.2	0.9
Sep	34.8	-0.3	33.5	-1.8	36.8	0.5	36.5	2.5	35.5	2.3	35.0	-0.8	33.6	-0.9	36.7	2.2	34.3	-1.4	35.9	0.0	35.8	1.7
Oct	30.8	0.3	29.4	-2.6	34.0	3.0	33.3	2.5	30.7	-1.6	30.8	0.7	29.5	0.0	32.2	0.3	30.7	0.0	31.9	1.9	32.5	0.6
Nov	32.9	0.3	30.4	-0.7	34.2	3.3	32.1	3.2	30.6	0.3	33.9	-0.6	33.0	0.3	31.7	-0.6	30.8	1.7	30.7	-1.0	32.2	1.6
Dec	34.6	0.0	33.7	0.0	36.9	0.8	34.8	0.3	34.2	-1.2	34.9	-0.3	33.5	-0.3	35.1	-0.3	34.5	-0.3	34.0	0.9	35.0	0.3
2006 Jan	34.3	1.8	33.8	3.0	36.7	4.0	34.3	4.6	33.5	-0.3	34.5	1.2	33.1	1.2	34.5	-0.9	33.6	0.6	33.1	0.6	33.9	0.9
Feb	33.7	-0.3	33.2	-1.8	35.8	0.8	31.9	-3.0	33.3	0.3	34.2	0.0	32.6	-0.3	34.0	-0.3	33.0	-0.9	33.1	1.8	34.2	0.6
Mar	33.0	-0.3	31.4	-7.1	36.4	1.7	34.8	1.2	34.5	2.7	32.2	0.6	33.1	0.3	34.5	2.1	30.3	-3.8	33.5	4.4	34.5	4.5
Apr	30.5	-11.8	29.9	-12.1	32.4	-9.7	31.4	-12.3	30.6	-11.6	30.3	-13.4	30.2	-10.4	31.1	-7.4	30.1	-11.7	29.4	-12.2	30.8	-8.6
May	34.7	0.0	33.8	0.0	36.2	0.6	37.8	1.9	35.5	1.1	35.0	0.0	33.3	-0.6	36.0	2.9	34.8	-0.3	38.3	6.1	36.8	3.7
Jun	35.0	0.0	33.9	0.3	36.4	0.0	36.2	-0.3	35.3	1.1	35.4	0.3	33.6	-1.2	35.9	0.3	34.3	-2.3	38.1	4.7	38.0	1.9
Jul	32.2	0.3	31.8	0.0	34.7	0.3	33.5	0.3	31.8	-1.2	32.6	0.9	30.2	0.0	33.6	0.0	32.8	0.9	34.0	-0.9	35.2	2.0
Aug	31.8	-0.6	31.1	0.6	33.7	-1.5	34.7	3.9	32.3	-0.3	32.2	-0.9	29.9	-1.3	32.9	-1.5	31.8	0.3	34.6	1.5	32.3	0.3
Sep	34.6	-0.6	34.0	1.5	36.3	-1.4	36.3	-0.5	35.0	-1.4	34.9	-0.3	33.2	-1.2	36.3	-1.1	34.8	1.5	36.4	1.4	35.3	-1.4
Oct	30.7	-0.3	30.7	4.4	33.0	-2.9	32.3	-3.0	30.6	-0.3	30.6	-0.6	29.1	-1.4	32.4	0.6	30.8	0.3	32.7	2.5	32.5	0.0
Nov	34.2	4.0	33.5	10.2	36.3	6.1	34.7	8.1	33.9	10.8	34.6	2.1	32.9	-0.3	35.0	10.4	34.0	10.4	34.8	13.4	34.8	8.1
Dec	34.3	-0.9	33.4	-0.9	36.9	0.0	35.4	1.7	34.1	-0.3	34.3	-1.7	33.4	-0.3	35.3	0.6	34.7	0.6	33.9	-0.3	35.8	2.3
Average:																						
Jan-Dec05	33.5		32.6		35.5		34.4		33.4		33.8		32.5		34.2		33.1		33.7		34.1	
Jan-Dec06	33.3		32.5		35.4		34.4		33.4		33.4		32.1		34.3		32.9		34.3		34.5	
% Change	-0.8		-0.3		-0.2		0.1		0.0		-1.0		-1.3		0.4		-0.5		1.9		1.2	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
	Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1996									377.6		1,194.9		36.3		32.3	
1997	731.93		579.76		18.51		16.47		417.3	10.5	1,443.2	20.8	36.3	0.0	32.0	-0.9
1998	754.02	3.0	584.04	0.7	18.99	2.6	16.66	1.2	408.5	-2.1	1,449.9	0.5	36.0	-0.8	31.5	-1.6
1999	763.14	1.2	594.48	1.8	19.20	1.1	16.86	1.2	393.8	-3.6	1,500.5	3.5	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
2000	764.48	0.2	607.09	2.1	19.26	0.3	17.23	2.2	406.3	3.2	1,525.0	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
2001	780.91	2.1	616.03	1.5	19.60	1.8	17.59	2.1	382.3	-5.9	1,539.3	0.9	36.3	-1.6	31.2	-3.4
2002	787.66	0.9	638.67	3.7	19.91	1.6	18.27	3.9	392.2	2.6	1,572.8	2.2	35.8	-1.4	31.0	-0.6
2003	809.71	2.8	651.68	2.0	20.47	2.8	18.66	2.1	416.4	6.2	1,598.3	1.6	35.6	-0.6	30.8	-0.6
2004	793.81	-2.0	658.93	1.1	19.94	-2.6	18.74	0.4	436.9	4.9	1,625.8	1.7	36.3	2.0	31.2	1.3
2005	807.50	1.7	678.52	3.0	20.20	1.3	19.15	2.2	452.7	3.6	1,677.8	3.2	36.7	1.1	31.5	1.0
2005 Jan	814.25	0.9	681.60	5.2	20.64	0.6	19.35	3.5	438.7	7.7	1,619.3	1.1	35.5	0.9	32.1	1.3
Feb	802.07	0.6	680.21	3.4	20.22	0.4	19.34	2.3	441.7	9.0	1,628.1	2.3	37.8	1.1	32.8	1.5
Mar	802.27	3.5	671.79	2.7	20.10	2.6	19.03	2.4	434.5	6.1	1,646.1	2.5	38.1	5.8	32.7	7.6
Apr	817.72	5.0	671.06	3.2	20.37	3.3	19.06	2.7	443.3	6.1	1,649.1	3.4	38.7	9.9	32.8	9.0
May	816.80	6.2	669.99	3.2	20.40	5.0	18.99	2.5	451.2	4.1	1,687.1	3.8	38.1	1.9	32.7	0.9
Jun	810.45	4.2	672.70	3.2	20.16	4.8	18.94	2.4	465.1	1.8	1,694.1	2.2	38.1	-1.3	32.6	0.0
Jul	796.14	1.0	671.86	3.2	19.65	0.4	18.66	2.0	486.2	3.9	1,675.2	2.2	36.8	0.0	30.3	-1.3
Aug	786.99	0.2	680.54	3.0	19.68	1.0	18.98	2.5	475.2	1.5	1,691.5	4.1	35.9	-0.6	29.5	-0.3
Sep	804.71	-1.2	686.37	2.8	20.06	-1.3	19.39	2.5	449.1	0.3	1,693.6	3.4	38.3	-0.3	32.3	-2.1
Oct	802.39	-1.3	682.91	1.1	20.07	-1.7	19.33	1.4	451.8	-0.8	1,709.1	4.5	33.2	-0.6	28.4	-3.1
Nov	829.00	1.4	690.78	3.1	20.68	0.9	19.44	1.5	452.1	3.3	1,715.9	4.8	33.6	-1.5	29.6	0.0
Dec	809.90	0.9	682.06	1.7	20.43	-0.4	19.33	0.8	443.8	2.0	1,724.9	4.0	37.1	-0.5	32.8	0.0
2006 Jan	835.07	2.6	693.64	1.8	20.96	1.6	19.60	1.3	421.5	-3.9	1,701.1	5.1	37.1	4.5	33.0	2.8
Feb	828.76	3.3	690.29	1.5	20.93	3.5	19.55	1.1	442.5	0.2	1,699.2	4.4	36.5	-3.4	32.4	-1.2
Mar	828.13	3.2	691.25	2.9	20.94	4.2	19.41	2.0	454.3	4.6	1,710.6	3.9	36.6	-3.9	30.0	-8.3
Apr	820.50	0.3	696.46	3.8	20.69	1.6	19.55	2.6	449.6	1.4	1,719.5	4.3	32.6	-15.8	29.2	-11.0
May	839.29	2.8	692.71	3.4	20.74	1.7	19.39	2.1	460.5	2.1	1,742.0	3.3	37.2	-2.4	33.0	0.9
Jun	825.71	1.9	696.82	3.6	20.57	2.0	19.53	3.1	464.4	-0.2	1,761.9	4.0	38.0	-0.3	32.9	0.9
Jul	819.03	2.9	694.94	3.4	20.37	3.7	19.41	4.0	493.5	1.5	1,734.7	3.6	36.2	-1.6	30.5	0.7
Aug	827.52	5.2	701.45	3.1	20.60	4.7	19.49	2.7	487.9	2.7	1,734.4	2.5	35.4	-1.4	29.9	1.4
Sep	844.54	4.9	701.25	2.2	20.82	3.8	19.78	2.0	469.7	4.6	1,741.3	2.8	38.5	0.5	32.8	1.5
Oct	844.52	5.3	703.74	3.1	20.89	4.1	19.93	3.1	475.3	5.2	1,752.8	2.6	34.7	4.5	29.6	4.2
Nov	859.78	3.7	708.06	2.5	21.57	4.3	20.25	4.2	476.0	5.3	1,733.1	1.0	37.8	12.5	32.3	9.1
Dec	859.65	6.1	708.64	3.9	21.40	4.7	20.14	4.2	471.2	6.2	1,748.3	1.4	37.0	-0.3	32.4	-1.2
Average:																
Jan-Dec05	807.72		678.49		20.21		19.15		452.7		1,677.8		36.8		31.6	
Jan-Dec06	836.04		698.27		20.87		19.67		463.9		1,731.6		36.5		31.5	
% Change	3.5		2.9		3.3		2.7		2.5		3.2		-0.8		-0.2	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1996												
1997	731.93		419.45		894.10		891.22		734.88		683.80	
1998	754.02	3.0	448.71	7.0	899.86	0.6	965.38	8.3	748.01	1.8	728.54	6.5
1999	763.14	1.2	518.47	15.5	943.23	4.8	919.16	-4.8	756.61	1.1	706.60	-3.0
2000	764.48	0.2	443.18	-14.5	945.49	0.2	952.59	3.6	750.08	-0.9	737.24	4.3
2001	780.91	2.1	463.69	4.6	974.68	3.1	945.04	-0.8	762.88	1.7	786.23	6.6
2002	787.66	0.9	458.57	-1.1	953.33	-2.2	980.51	3.8	784.68	2.9	778.14	-1.0
2003	809.71	2.8	479.92	4.7	968.26	1.6	1079.10	10.1	807.45	2.9	779.83	0.2
2004	793.81	-2.0	494.54	3.0	1019.25	5.3	998.53	-7.5	791.22	-2.0	784.30	0.6
2005	807.50	1.7	506.64	2.4	1047.49	2.8	1056.01	5.8	803.36	1.5	778.92	-0.7
2005 Jan	814.25	0.9	609.90	31.6	1010.20	4.0	935.26	-11.3	800.54	0.1	807.38	1.3
Feb	802.07	0.6	518.67	0.7	977.23	0.7	925.86	-17.5	794.70	0.9	804.70	1.7
Mar	802.27	3.5	549.37	11.2	1025.39	-0.3	962.49	-11.3	776.50	3.5	820.90	3.5
Apr	817.72	5.0	491.26	-1.6	1038.44	5.2	1107.72	15.3	796.33	2.4	829.54	4.8
May	816.80	6.2	455.50	-8.2	1046.63	6.1	1189.24	17.2	802.36	3.5	790.51	6.1
Jun	810.45	4.2	482.83	-7.2	1004.93	2.4	1073.73	12.6	820.27	5.9	764.82	-1.1
Jul	796.14	1.0	520.80	3.2	1029.46	1.8	1095.99	15.1	798.77	-0.2	758.23	0.5
Aug	786.99	0.2	507.95	-1.3	956.76	-6.7	1131.70	10.7	805.60	3.5	744.46	-3.8
Sep	804.71	-1.2	477.14	1.1	1055.95	-1.8	1107.27	0.5	803.93	-0.5	762.24	-5.5
Oct	802.39	-1.3	481.68	6.4	1118.11	-0.3	1073.63	17.7	800.07	-2.0	743.37	-6.2
Nov	829.00	1.4	515.67	10.7	1168.61	14.8	1026.99	22.8	822.51	-0.2	783.19	-3.7
Dec	809.90	0.9	488.40	-4.2	1177.80	13.7	896.76	-2.7	818.74	2.0	756.33	-2.9
2006 Jan	835.07	2.6	507.45	-16.8	1083.22	7.2	1020.34	9.1	843.14	5.3	791.43	-2.0
Feb	828.76	3.3	502.71	-3.1	1082.06	10.7	933.63	0.8	827.25	4.1	814.44	1.2
Mar	828.13	3.2	531.36	-3.3	1087.20	6.0	1264.05	31.3	819.07	5.5	805.71	-1.9
Apr	820.50	0.3	425.55	-13.4	1078.74	3.9	1129.50	2.0	820.83	3.1	819.48	-1.2
May	839.29	2.8	461.01	1.2	1077.79	3.0	1148.99	-3.4	826.91	3.1	847.23	7.2
Jun	825.71	1.9	476.02	-1.4	1068.02	6.3	1141.51	6.3	818.55	-0.2	812.04	6.2
Jul	819.03	2.9	458.28	-12.0	1079.95	4.9	1076.91	-1.7	826.43	3.5	790.55	4.3
Aug	827.52	5.2	454.83	-10.5	1060.52	10.8	1114.01	-1.6	837.32	3.9	807.39	8.5
Sep	844.54	4.9	445.42	-6.6	1107.02	4.8	1077.61	-2.7	837.28	4.1	836.32	9.7
Oct	844.52	5.3	543.40	12.8	1122.38	0.4	1035.84	-3.5	809.88	1.2	848.52	14.1
Nov	859.78	3.7	558.36	8.3	1103.49	-5.6	1112.44	8.3	835.63	1.6	840.99	7.4
Dec	859.65	6.1	531.55	8.8	1100.70	-6.5	1052.69	17.4	822.97	0.5	867.75	14.7
Average:												
Jan-Dec05	807.72		508.26		1050.79		1043.89		803.36		780.47	
Jan-Dec06	836.04		491.33		1087.59		1092.29		827.11		823.49	
% Change	3.5		-3.3		3.5		4.6		3.0		5.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1996																				
1997	579.76		700.83		489.26		590.49		733.47		738.41		604.89		315.46		787.32		612.63	
1998	584.04	0.7	720.07	2.7	481.79	-1.5	631.81	7.0	750.34	2.3	725.43	-1.8	614.73	1.6	328.88	4.3	767.01	-2.6	621.21	1.4
1999	594.48	1.8	733.87	1.9	503.61	4.5	627.82	-0.6	776.25	3.5	738.95	1.9	624.62	1.6	318.75	-3.1	791.92	3.2	628.82	1.2
2000	607.09	2.1	730.56	-0.5	489.95	-2.7	677.15	7.9	778.28	0.3	766.76	3.8	635.84	1.8	338.07	6.1	813.88	2.8	639.37	1.7
2001	616.03	1.5	770.96	5.5	488.29	-0.3	682.44	0.8	808.78	3.9	745.10	-2.8	660.53	3.9	344.40	1.9	825.90	1.5	648.19	1.4
2002	638.67	3.7	801.51	4.0	502.66	2.9	732.43	7.3	850.34	5.1	776.52	4.2	688.72	4.3	334.46	-2.9	889.68	7.7	668.04	3.1
2003	651.68	2.0	803.93	0.3	522.83	4.0	728.90	-0.5	859.44	1.1	791.53	1.9	707.75	2.8	350.03	4.7	906.69	1.9	683.68	2.3
2004	658.93	1.1	788.53	-1.9	521.95	-0.2	721.30	-1.0	841.32	-2.1	825.68	4.3	732.99	3.6	362.56	3.6	911.87	0.6	686.74	0.4
2005	678.52	3.0	838.68	6.4	522.12	0.0	732.85	1.6	930.40	10.6	852.02	3.2	727.40	-0.8	385.89	6.4	952.45	4.5	704.49	2.6
2005 Jan	681.60	5.2	852.21	15.1	517.83	4.1	746.37	2.8	891.40	1.8	844.27	12.9	750.98	2.2	386.59	46.1	966.37	2.9	708.11	4.4
Feb	680.21	3.4	812.39	8.2	520.37	-1.2	726.95	-2.6	916.04	10.2	824.99	1.5	747.17	-2.1	390.16	47.7	961.56	5.0	704.75	2.8
Mar	671.79	2.7	817.79	12.5	512.43	-2.6	739.28	-4.6	924.74	9.8	825.58	4.4	720.04	-3.9	367.26	38.2	964.13	8.6	697.93	2.9
Apr	671.06	3.2	807.20	9.2	530.21	1.7	706.98	-4.7	962.01	17.2	832.61	6.5	722.32	-3.6	366.83	40.5	940.15	4.7	700.18	3.5
May	669.99	3.2	820.52	11.9	512.41	1.3	708.38	-5.3	945.56	10.9	850.19	6.2	713.16	-4.7	374.31	36.3	903.96	1.8	699.26	3.7
Jun	672.70	3.2	861.27	12.6	512.76	-3.2	733.42	1.7	899.39	13.4	861.00	4.0	718.84	-0.1	385.24	41.1	929.94	4.3	701.03	3.4
Jul	671.86	3.2	857.03	7.8	516.48	-2.3	714.52	0.1	920.22	14.4	829.92	-6.7	721.87	2.3	396.56	50.3	909.15	2.7	698.58	2.6
Aug	680.54	3.0	833.37	1.5	523.72	0.0	707.78	1.5	941.05	13.9	911.82	-2.1	721.27	1.4	403.44	48.9	943.48	5.1	703.02	2.2
Sep	686.37	2.8	850.18	1.0	544.43	3.6	732.03	6.4	944.09	9.5	841.11	-2.0	729.18	5.0	400.61	47.9	974.86	6.3	709.61	1.6
Oct	682.91	1.1	860.07	-1.6	521.82	-2.5	763.42	11.6	942.04	7.1	870.77	4.1	724.24	-2.1	403.72	52.3	978.94	3.8	706.73	0.3
Nov	690.78	3.1	828.84	-2.0	524.61	-0.6	768.26	10.5	951.24	14.1	882.06	7.0	739.21	0.0	384.09	47.1	979.43	5.3	717.99	2.5
Dec	682.06	1.7	856.03	3.1	526.49	1.9	756.06	4.5	927.60	7.3	861.36	2.0	718.29	-4.0	369.59	41.3	987.13	3.6	706.56	1.4
2006 Jan	693.64	1.8	866.24	1.6	553.17	6.8	788.44	5.6	903.99	1.4	837.86	-0.8	735.18	-2.1	370.93	-4.1	961.52	-0.5	720.31	1.7
Feb	690.29	1.5	850.67	4.7	565.29	8.6	749.20	3.1	924.97	1.0	851.84	3.3	728.34	-2.5	352.16	-9.7	982.29	2.2	716.86	1.7
Mar	691.25	2.9	846.80	3.5	560.31	9.3	758.48	2.6	906.07	-2.0	840.81	1.8	747.09	3.8	362.28	-1.4	932.04	-3.3	718.33	2.9
Apr	696.46	3.8	870.13	7.8	537.55	1.4	765.97	8.3	985.51	2.4	877.54	5.4	744.63	3.1	359.89	-1.9	953.68	1.4	720.63	2.9
May	692.71	3.4	858.97	4.7	551.32	7.6	752.71	6.3	948.81	0.3	844.15	-0.7	745.46	4.5	357.82	-4.4	986.84	9.2	721.82	3.2
Jun	696.82	3.6	872.60	1.3	553.58	8.0	781.51	6.6	956.48	6.3	851.07	-1.2	742.40	3.3	381.10	-1.1	997.81	7.3	722.67	3.1
Jul	694.94	3.4	853.16	-0.5	569.85	10.3	773.83	8.3	997.92	8.4	867.79	4.6	722.55	0.1	383.01	-3.4	947.89	4.3	721.25	3.2
Aug	701.45	3.1	828.70	-0.6	567.53	8.4	801.75	13.3	970.34	3.1	867.82	-4.8	757.46	5.0	378.74	-6.1	1027.47	8.9	728.13	3.6
Sep	701.25	2.2	818.94	-3.7	557.14	2.3	805.67	10.1	954.36	1.1	828.93	-1.4	771.35	5.8	379.47	-5.3	1029.24	5.6	730.10	2.9
Oct	703.74	3.1	842.76	-2.0	564.66	8.2	819.28	7.3	941.95	0.0	823.65	-5.4	765.97	5.8	392.52	-2.8	1020.94	4.3	732.68	3.7
Nov	708.06	2.5	877.53	5.9	566.40	8.0	728.64	-5.2	974.54	2.4	844.92	-4.2	770.40	4.2	386.56	0.6	1024.01	4.6	739.68	3.0
Dec	708.64	3.9	857.69	0.2	585.54	11.2	691.12	-8.6	982.31	5.9	846.48	-1.7	761.75	6.1	397.79	7.6	1024.21	3.8	739.16	4.6
Average:																				
Jan-Dec05	678.49		838.08		521.96		733.62		930.45		852.97		727.21		385.70		953.26		704.48	
Jan-Dec06	698.27		853.68		561.03		768.05		953.94		848.57		749.38		375.19		990.66		725.97	
% Change	2.9		1.9		7.5		4.7		2.5		-0.5		3.0		-2.7		3.9		3.1	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1996												
1997	18.51		11.50		21.43		23.55		18.50		17.80	
1998	18.99	2.6	12.04	4.7	21.23	-0.9	25.21	7.0	18.94	2.4	18.62	4.6
1999	19.20	1.1	13.72	14.0	21.93	3.3	24.16	-4.2	19.14	1.1	18.23	-2.1
2000	19.26	0.3	11.38	-17.1	22.71	3.6	24.75	2.4	18.95	-1.0	18.93	3.8
2001	19.60	1.8	11.92	4.7	22.80	0.4	24.76	0.0	19.29	1.8	19.89	5.1
2002	19.91	1.6	11.83	-0.8	22.32	-2.1	25.92	4.7	19.88	3.1	20.02	0.7
2003	20.47	2.8	12.77	7.9	23.20	3.9	28.13	8.5	20.47	3.0	19.91	-0.5
2004	19.94	-2.6	12.61	-1.3	24.00	3.4	25.81	-8.2	20.01	-2.2	19.78	-0.7
2005	20.20	1.3	12.69	0.6	24.19	0.8	27.57	6.8	20.31	1.5	19.57	-1.1
2005 Jan	20.64	0.6	15.28	6.1	23.97	0.2	25.02	-9.6	20.20	0.0	21.06	3.6
Feb	20.22	0.4	13.05	-0.5	23.24	1.6	24.49	-18.8	20.21	1.1	20.31	1.4
Mar	20.10	2.6	13.12	-0.8	24.35	4.6	25.48	-10.4	19.79	2.4	20.33	3.3
Apr	20.37	3.3	12.26	-3.8	24.42	0.0	28.77	14.8	20.15	1.8	20.44	3.5
May	20.40	5.0	11.53	-5.6	24.13	-0.9	30.91	17.1	20.36	4.0	19.71	3.9
Jun	20.16	4.8	12.01	-2.2	23.13	-0.7	27.78	15.5	20.61	6.2	19.21	0.7
Jul	19.65	0.4	12.93	9.6	23.30	-2.3	28.26	16.3	19.98	0.3	18.73	-2.4
Aug	19.68	1.0	12.00	-0.8	22.82	-1.8	29.45	18.2	20.23	2.9	18.84	-3.1
Sep	20.06	-1.3	12.36	-1.0	24.39	-0.1	28.47	9.2	20.23	-1.7	19.05	-4.8
Oct	20.07	-1.7	12.24	0.2	25.04	-3.0	28.16	18.1	20.33	-1.4	18.77	-6.6
Nov	20.68	0.9	13.09	1.8	25.68	7.4	26.65	16.7	20.85	1.1	19.70	-4.1
Dec	20.43	-0.4	13.40	-1.6	26.72	8.4	24.12	-4.7	20.84	1.7	19.22	-5.3
2006 Jan	20.96	1.6	13.38	-12.4	24.48	2.1	27.40	9.5	21.43	6.1	19.94	-5.3
Feb	20.93	3.5	14.22	9.0	25.13	8.1	25.33	3.4	21.14	4.6	20.27	-0.2
Mar	20.94	4.2	14.79	12.7	25.43	4.4	30.95	21.5	20.89	5.6	20.36	0.1
Apr	20.69	1.6	12.48	1.8	25.00	2.4	28.90	0.5	20.87	3.6	20.51	0.3
May	20.74	1.7	12.31	6.8	24.21	0.3	29.89	-3.3	20.89	2.6	20.55	4.3
Jun	20.57	2.0	12.89	7.3	24.89	7.6	29.41	5.9	20.57	-0.2	20.19	5.1
Jul	20.37	3.7	11.40	-11.8	25.52	9.5	28.07	-0.7	20.72	3.7	19.68	5.1
Aug	20.60	4.7	12.02	0.2	25.01	9.6	27.71	-5.9	20.98	3.7	20.14	6.9
Sep	20.82	3.8	11.33	-8.3	24.93	2.2	26.65	-6.4	21.07	4.2	20.68	8.6
Oct	20.89	4.1	12.75	4.2	25.45	1.6	26.81	-4.8	20.52	0.9	21.06	12.2
Nov	21.57	4.3	13.52	3.3	25.91	0.9	28.79	8.0	21.29	2.1	21.22	7.7
Dec	21.40	4.7	12.93	-3.5	26.02	-2.6	26.94	11.7	20.76	-0.4	21.63	12.5
Average:												
Jan-Dec05	20.21		12.77		24.27		27.30		20.32		19.61	
Jan-Dec06	20.87		12.84		25.17		28.07		20.93		20.52	
% Change	3.3		0.5		3.7		2.8		3.0		4.6	

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3.3B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1996																				
1997	16.47		18.21		13.56		16.15		19.12		22.51		18.51		10.11		21.20		16.91	
1998	16.66	1.2	18.67	2.5	13.58	0.1	17.27	6.9	19.63	2.7	22.20	-1.4	18.78	1.5	10.42	3.1	20.94	-1.2	17.17	1.5
1999	16.86	1.2	19.03	1.9	14.09	3.8	17.15	-0.7	20.47	4.3	22.02	-0.8	18.98	1.1	10.29	-1.2	21.56	3.0	17.34	1.0
2000	17.23	2.2	18.70	-1.7	13.95	-1.0	18.41	7.3	20.36	-0.5	23.05	4.7	19.29	1.6	10.81	5.1	21.88	1.5	17.64	1.7
2001	17.59	2.1	20.06	7.3	13.96	0.1	18.62	1.1	21.42	5.2	22.71	-1.5	20.17	4.6	10.95	1.3	22.56	3.1	17.98	1.9
2002	18.27	3.9	20.38	1.6	14.45	3.5	19.92	7.0	22.52	5.1	23.66	4.2	21.03	4.3	11.09	1.3	23.93	6.1	18.59	3.4
2003	18.66	2.1	20.43	0.2	14.93	3.3	19.78	-0.7	22.71	0.8	24.27	2.6	21.91	4.2	11.28	1.7	24.40	2.0	19.02	2.3
2004	18.74	0.4	19.95	-2.3	14.94	0.1	19.80	0.1	22.11	-2.6	25.04	3.2	22.04	0.6	11.57	2.6	24.81	1.7	18.99	-0.2
2005	19.15	2.2	21.16	6.1	14.97	0.2	19.89	0.5	24.30	9.9	25.21	0.7	21.87	-0.8	12.00	3.7	25.88	4.3	19.36	1.9
2005 Jan	19.35	3.5	21.43	11.3	15.09	3.4	20.88	5.8	23.43	2.3	25.17	8.0	22.37	-0.3	11.80	1.4	26.20	3.1	19.61	3.0
Feb	19.34	2.3	20.47	5.2	14.99	-3.1	19.98	-2.1	24.07	10.7	25.06	1.5	22.45	-1.0	11.93	4.0	26.26	6.2	19.52	1.9
Mar	19.03	2.4	20.59	10.2	14.91	-0.9	20.06	-3.7	24.32	10.6	24.28	0.5	21.83	-1.8	11.77	2.3	26.04	7.9	19.24	2.4
Apr	19.06	2.7	21.01	9.5	15.13	0.4	19.38	-5.8	24.69	12.8	24.99	4.4	21.54	-2.2	11.74	2.2	25.73	5.1	19.32	2.8
May	18.99	2.5	21.08	9.1	14.73	1.4	19.04	-4.5	24.62	7.6	25.68	4.7	21.29	-4.0	11.82	2.4	25.06	3.3	19.27	3.0
Jun	18.94	2.4	21.43	8.3	14.72	-1.8	19.56	-1.2	23.67	11.7	25.45	1.6	21.59	0.8	11.84	0.9	25.23	3.0	19.19	2.9
Jul	18.66	2.0	21.46	9.2	14.61	-1.7	19.05	-1.6	23.55	11.2	24.52	-2.9	21.31	-0.4	11.90	2.5	24.68	2.3	18.87	1.6
Aug	18.98	2.5	21.09	6.4	14.83	1.0	19.00	-1.2	24.49	11.6	26.32	-0.5	21.91	1.3	12.02	3.4	25.53	4.7	19.13	2.2
Sep	19.39	2.5	21.35	2.9	15.30	3.4	20.02	4.8	24.68	11.3	25.29	-1.7	22.03	2.3	12.42	5.9	26.59	5.3	19.52	1.6
Oct	19.33	1.4	21.40	0.8	15.04	-1.1	20.94	9.2	24.92	11.2	25.34	-1.9	21.90	-0.5	12.46	7.2	26.39	3.3	19.48	0.6
Nov	19.44	1.5	20.94	-0.3	15.03	-0.3	20.66	6.4	24.86	12.9	25.40	-2.8	22.14	-1.2	12.44	7.1	26.49	4.7	19.69	1.3
Dec	19.33	0.8	21.51	0.2	15.22	1.5	20.50	2.1	24.35	7.2	25.10	-2.4	21.95	-3.1	11.92	5.7	26.58	3.5	19.54	0.6
2006 Jan	19.60	1.3	21.79	1.7	15.75	4.4	20.97	0.4	23.62	0.8	24.44	-2.9	22.47	0.4	12.06	2.2	25.79	-1.6	19.86	1.3
Feb	19.55	1.1	21.24	3.8	16.07	7.2	20.14	0.8	24.21	0.6	25.83	3.1	21.85	-2.7	11.67	-2.2	26.29	0.1	19.81	1.5
Mar	19.41	2.0	21.26	3.3	15.77	5.8	20.36	1.5	23.77	-2.3	24.84	2.3	22.22	1.8	11.71	-0.5	25.32	-2.8	19.71	2.4
Apr	19.55	2.6	21.74	3.5	15.33	1.3	20.49	5.7	25.72	4.2	25.86	3.5	22.11	2.6	11.48	-2.2	25.70	-0.1	19.77	2.3
May	19.39	2.1	21.53	2.1	15.35	4.2	20.53	7.8	24.79	0.7	25.14	-2.1	22.02	3.4	11.27	-4.7	26.42	5.4	19.66	2.0
Jun	19.53	3.1	21.83	1.9	15.55	5.6	21.28	8.8	25.05	5.8	25.35	-0.4	21.97	1.8	11.72	-1.0	26.85	6.4	19.74	2.9
Jul	19.41	4.0	21.14	-1.5	15.72	7.6	21.00	10.2	26.34	11.8	25.17	2.7	21.68	1.7	11.56	-2.9	25.68	4.1	19.62	4.0
Aug	19.49	2.7	21.14	0.2	15.83	6.7	21.53	13.3	25.34	3.5	25.18	-4.3	22.40	2.2	11.45	-4.7	26.99	5.7	19.72	3.1
Sep	19.78	2.0	20.57	-3.7	15.56	1.7	21.73	8.5	25.16	1.9	25.23	-0.2	22.87	3.8	12.14	-2.3	27.52	3.5	19.99	2.4
Oct	19.93	3.1	20.96	-2.1	15.74	4.7	22.01	5.1	24.98	0.2	25.63	1.1	23.05	5.3	12.31	-1.2	27.23	3.2	20.13	3.3
Nov	20.25	4.2	22.27	6.4	15.97	6.3	20.14	-2.5	25.64	3.1	26.88	5.8	23.09	4.3	12.45	0.1	27.28	3.0	20.52	4.2
Dec	20.14	4.2	21.56	0.2	16.44	8.0	19.21	-6.3	25.78	5.9	25.97	3.5	23.08	5.1	12.38	3.9	27.55	3.6	20.39	4.4
Average:																				
Jan-Dec05	19.15		21.15		14.97		19.92		24.30		25.22		21.86		12.01		25.90		19.37	
Jan-Dec06	19.67		21.42		15.76		20.78		25.03		25.46		22.40		11.85		26.55		19.91	
% Change	2.7		1.3		5.3		4.3		3.0		1.0		2.5		-1.3		2.5		2.8	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing: Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied		Construction	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	408.2		30.7		32.3		5.2		17.6		192.8		23.8		42.9		22.9		119.3	
1997	417.3	2.2	34.0	10.7	32.2	-0.3	5.4	3.8	16.3	-7.4	196.2	1.8	25.1	5.5	44.6	4.0	23.1	0.9	123.1	3.2
1998	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	30.2	-6.2	3.4	-37.0	17.7	8.6	195.9	-0.2	25.6	2.0	43.4	-2.7	22.7	-1.7	117.2	-4.8
1999	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	30.0	-0.7	3.8	11.8	14.8	-16.4	191.8	-2.1	21.6	-15.6	42.4	-2.3	22.4	-1.3	114.3	-2.5
2000	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	35.5	18.3	4.3	13.2	12.8	-13.5	202.5	5.6	23.4	8.3	45.7	7.8	17.8	-20.5	111.1	-2.8
2001	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	24.7	-30.4	4.7	9.3	11.3	-11.7	194.9	-3.8	25.6	9.4	48.9	7.0	15.0	-15.7	110.7	-0.4
2002	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	25.3	2.4	3.1	-34.0	9.2	-18.6	196.6	0.9	27.0	5.5	43.8	-10.4	17.0	13.3	118.1	6.7
2003	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	27.7	9.5	4.6	48.4	13.3	44.6	206.8	5.2	31.7	17.4	49.0	11.9	14.4	-15.3	119.8	1.4
2004	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	21.5	-22.4	2.9	-37.0	11.1	-16.5	211.2	2.1	31.4	-0.9	46.9	-4.3	12.0	-16.7	144.0	20.2
2005	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	21.6	0.5	2.1	-27.6	13.8	24.3	198.2	-6.2	31.5	0.3	45.8	-2.3	12.3	2.5	168.0	16.7
2005 Jan	438.7	7.7	34.4	10.3	19.2	3.2	n.a.	n.a	13.8	27.8	203.8	-2.3	38.6	-8.3	39.2	-18.2	12.5	19.0	158.6	28.3
Feb	441.7	9.0	35.2	8.6	22.5	4.2	1.6	-51.5	12.7	13.4	201.6	-3.4	39.7	23.3	42.9	-10.8	12.4	13.8	158.6	32.7
Mar	434.5	6.1	37.5	9.3	19.5	-8.0	n.a.	n.a	14.3	55.4	195.4	-5.0	37.7	25.2	43.7	-20.1	12.9	37.2	157.1	24.4
Apr	443.3	6.1	40.7	8.2	21.8	16.6	n.a.	n.a	12.0	39.5	193.1	-7.6	33.7	13.9	41.2	-17.4	13.8	32.7	163.9	25.1
May	451.2	4.1	39.0	-6.0	25.3	29.7	3.1	-13.9	12.4	19.2	196.0	-7.5	35.4	21.2	42.4	-11.1	13.8	-4.2	162.5	19.6
Jun	465.1	1.8	42.8	-0.9	25.4	1.2	4.9	63.3	12.8	20.8	194.3	-8.6	30.1	-2.3	46.0	-0.9	11.0	-24.7	171.5	12.8
Jul	486.2	3.9	49.6	14.8	23.7	-14.1	2.0	-20.0	14.4	42.6	205.9	-6.5	35.6	42.4	50.1	-0.4	12.5	-8.1	177.5	14.4
Aug	475.2	1.5	45.3	5.6	23.8	3.9	1.7	-55.3	14.6	36.4	199.7	-9.4	30.5	3.4	49.5	9.3	12.7	6.7	178.8	13.5
Sep	449.1	0.3	37.9	7.1	21.6	-1.8	1.7	-34.6	13.7	23.4	197.7	-7.8	25.2	-7.7	47.0	4.4	9.6	-16.5	166.2	8.2
Oct	451.8	-0.8	37.3	-0.8	22.1	3.3	3.2	33.3	14.3	10.9	194.1	-7.8	25.4	-23.0	51.7	22.2	9.9	-22.0	171.1	5.4
Nov	452.1	3.3	30.5	-1.6	16.7	-16.1	1.6	0.0	15.6	18.2	206.7	-0.8	22.6	-36.3	48.1	15.1	13.2	20.0	172.9	10.5
Dec	443.8	2.0	34.6	4.5	17.8	-9.6	2.5	n.a	15.0	1.4	189.5	-7.1	23.4	-29.7	47.6	10.2	13.0	0.0	177.1	14.6
2006 Jan	421.5	-3.9	29.1	-15.4	16.1	-16.1	3.5	n.a	17.3	25.4	184.9	-9.3	20.8	-46.1	45.6	16.3	12.2	-2.4	161.9	2.1
Feb	442.5	0.2	31.4	-10.8	18.8	-16.4	3.5	118.8	15.4	21.3	200.0	-0.8	27.4	-31.0	46.0	7.2	12.8	3.2	165.5	4.4
Mar	454.3	4.6	34.7	-7.5	20.3	4.1	2.6	n.a	14.9	4.2	203.8	4.3	24.2	-35.8	50.4	15.3	12.2	-5.4	170.8	8.7
Apr	449.6	1.4	36.0	-11.5	15.8	-27.5	2.5	n.a	16.2	35.0	198.4	2.7	27.2	-19.3	47.7	15.8	14.4	4.3	174.1	6.2
May	460.5	2.1	36.8	-5.6	19.6	-22.5	2.8	-9.7	18.2	46.8	203.7	3.9	26.4	-25.4	48.6	14.6	18.4	33.3	171.4	5.5
Jun	464.4	-0.2	34.9	-18.5	24.3	-4.3	3.8	-22.4	17.6	37.5	193.6	-0.4	22.8	-24.3	41.8	-9.1	17.8	61.8	181.4	5.8
Jul	493.5	1.5	39.9	-19.6	25.0	5.5	2.8	40.0	18.0	25.0	203.5	-1.2	21.5	-39.6	45.5	-9.2	15.2	21.6	195.1	9.9
Aug	487.9	2.7	40.1	-11.5	24.7	3.8	3.7	117.6	20.8	42.5	194.8	-2.5	20.5	-32.8	45.7	-7.7	16.3	28.3	194.7	8.9
Sep	469.7	4.6	36.0	-5.0	23.6	9.3	1.8	5.9	23.6	72.3	192.3	-2.7	23.7	-6.0	40.1	-14.7	17.8	85.4	183.4	10.3
Oct	475.3	5.2	34.2	-8.3	23.3	5.4	2.4	-25.0	24.4	70.6	196.1	1.0	25.0	-1.6	39.7	-23.2	14.6	47.5	184.8	8.0
Nov	476.0	5.3	31.7	3.9	25.8	54.5	0.0	n.a	24.4	56.4	199.5	-3.5	24.7	9.3	43.0	-10.6	15.2	15.2	183.5	6.1
Dec	471.2	6.2	31.6	-8.7	23.3	30.9	1.6	-36.0	21.4	42.7	199.4	5.2	28.3	20.9	44.1	-7.4	13.7	5.4	184.6	4.2
Average:																				
Jan-Dec05	452.7		38.7		21.6		n.a.		13.8		198.2		31.5		45.8		12.3		168.0	
Jan-Dec06	463.9		34.7		21.7		n.a.		19.4		197.5		24.4		44.9		15.1		179.3	
% Change	2.5		-10.4		0.5		n.a.		40.2		-0.3		-22.6		-2.0		22.6		6.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	1,408.2		100.3		291.2		124.0		786.6		118.4		183.3		140.8		106.1		1,816.4	
1997	1,443.2	2.5	108.0	7.7	297.7	2.2	127.7	3.0	809.1	2.9	120.3	1.6	191.3	4.4	142.2	1.0	100.7	-5.1	1,860.5	2.4
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	838.5	3.6	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	93.8	-6.9	1,858.4	-0.1
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	866.3	3.3	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	92.5	-1.4	1,894.4	1.9
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	896.5	3.5	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	92.4	-0.1	1,931.3	1.9
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	913.1	1.9	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	89.5	-3.1	1,921.6	-0.5
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	923.6	1.1	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	88.1	-1.6	1,965.0	2.3
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	933.3	1.1	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	93.0	5.6	2,014.7	2.5
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	967.1	3.6	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	97.2	4.5	2,062.7	2.4
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	996.5	3.0	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	95.1	-2.2	2,130.5	3.3
2005 Jan	1,619.3	1.1	112.2	-5.1	319.5	-3.6	128.3	1.4	968.6	4.0	145.0	0.6	220.4	2.8	168.9	7.8	90.7	-3.7	2,058.0	2.5
Feb	1,628.1	2.3	109.9	-3.9	315.6	0.9	130.9	5.6	980.2	3.8	153.8	4.9	218.9	4.8	163.0	-2.6	91.5	-5.1	2,069.8	3.7
Mar	1,646.1	2.5	112.2	0.1	326.2	1.7	137.3	6.8	977.3	3.4	148.9	8.4	216.4	-0.9	164.8	-3.3	93.2	-6.2	2,080.6	3.2
Apr	1,649.1	3.4	108.2	-6.0	317.2	2.8	131.7	0.5	1,000.6	5.8	154.0	14.0	213.7	-1.0	179.1	2.3	91.5	-3.9	2,092.4	3.9
May	1,687.1	3.8	118.8	2.3	326.2	4.6	134.9	3.8	1,003.2	3.6	153.0	10.4	208.3	-3.6	179.3	3.6	104.0	5.8	2,138.3	3.9
Jun	1,694.1	2.2	118.2	-4.2	318.0	1.9	139.8	9.6	1,019.2	2.5	154.7	11.6	209.7	-6.6	178.9	-2.7	99.1	0.1	2,159.2	2.1
Jul	1,675.2	2.2	129.6	3.6	323.0	1.2	135.6	8.2	990.3	2.0	129.8	15.4	211.9	-3.8	189.8	1.4	96.7	-1.8	2,161.4	2.6
Aug	1,691.5	4.1	126.3	7.1	336.1	8.9	137.0	2.8	990.7	2.8	125.2	18.6	220.2	0.6	182.7	-1.9	101.3	-0.7	2,166.7	3.5
Sep	1,693.6	3.4	128.9	9.5	342.6	9.4	127.4	-1.1	998.6	1.9	148.0	5.1	220.7	-2.9	176.7	0.4	96.1	-2.0	2,142.7	2.7
Oct	1,709.1	4.5	122.7	5.3	362.7	16.4	129.2	-2.0	1,001.4	2.2	140.9	0.3	225.1	2.7	175.0	1.4	93.1	-3.4	2,160.9	3.3
Nov	1,715.9	4.8	121.2	8.6	362.8	15.4	131.9	0.9	1,009.5	2.4	146.4	0.3	225.7	1.9	172.5	-1.8	90.5	-3.8	2,168.0	4.5
Dec	1,724.9	4.0	115.8	5.2	365.5	12.8	131.1	-1.7	1,018.5	2.2	153.2	5.7	218.2	-3.4	178.6	-0.8	93.9	-0.8	2,168.6	3.6
2006 Jan	1,701.1	5.1	122.0	8.7	350.5	9.7	128.0	-0.2	1,006.0	3.9	159.6	10.1	210.6	-4.4	171.1	1.3	94.6	4.3	2,122.5	3.1
Feb	1,699.2	4.4	125.4	14.1	355.6	12.7	129.4	-1.1	998.1	1.8	161.5	5.0	213.2	-2.6	168.8	3.6	90.6	-1.0	2,141.7	3.5
Mar	1,710.6	3.9	123.1	9.7	358.6	9.9	132.7	-3.4	1,003.5	2.7	158.9	6.7	224.3	3.7	159.2	-3.4	92.8	-0.4	2,164.9	4.1
Apr	1,719.5	4.3	119.9	10.8	360.5	13.7	129.5	-1.7	1,018.2	1.8	158.0	2.6	224.1	4.9	166.4	-7.1	91.4	-0.1	2,169.1	3.7
May	1,742.0	3.3	122.2	2.9	362.7	11.2	132.3	-1.9	1,031.6	2.8	155.9	1.9	237.3	13.9	168.4	-6.1	93.0	-10.6	2,202.6	3.0
Jun	1,761.9	4.0	125.1	5.8	366.2	15.2	136.4	-2.4	1,045.8	2.6	159.4	3.0	243.7	16.2	172.0	-3.9	88.5	-10.7	2,226.3	3.1
Jul	1,734.7	3.6	117.3	-9.5	345.5	7.0	141.7	4.5	1,034.2	4.4	137.6	6.0	245.4	15.8	174.8	-7.9	95.9	-0.8	2,228.2	3.1
Aug	1,734.4	2.5	118.0	-6.6	344.4	2.5	145.1	5.9	1,040.5	5.0	130.7	4.4	242.1	9.9	177.6	-2.8	86.6	-14.5	2,222.3	2.6
Sep	1,741.3	2.8	118.2	-8.3	349.2	1.9	141.1	10.8	1,046.2	4.8	156.9	6.0	238.1	7.9	172.1	-2.6	86.6	-9.9	2,211.0	3.2
Oct	1,752.8	2.6	113.7	-7.3	346.1	-4.6	143.4	11.0	1,058.7	5.7	161.3	14.5	238.9	6.1	174.6	-0.2	91.0	-2.3	2,228.1	3.1
Nov	1,733.1	1.0	113.5	-6.4	354.3	-2.3	148.8	12.8	1,022.1	1.2	163.5	11.7	229.1	1.5	170.1	-1.4	94.4	4.3	2,209.1	1.9
Dec	1,748.3	1.4	115.4	-0.3	350.8	-4.0	147.7	12.7	1,044.7	2.6	169.1	10.4	239.2	9.6	170.9	-4.3	89.7	-4.5	2,219.6	2.4
Average:																				
Jan-Dec05	1,677.8		118.7		334.6		132.9		996.5		146.1		217.4		175.8		95.1		2,130.6	
Jan-Dec06	1,731.6		119.5		353.7		138.0		1,029.1		156.0		232.2		170.5		91.3		2,195.5	
% Change	3.2		0.7		5.7		3.8		3.3		6.8		6.8		-3.0		-4.1		3.0	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1996	36.3		38.9		37.7		32.8		36.5		35.1	
1997	36.3	0.0	36.8	-5.4	38.4	1.9	36.0	9.8	36.2	-0.8	35.2	0.3
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.3	4.1	38.8	1.0	34.2	-5.0	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.1	39.0	0.5	33.0	-3.5	36.7	2.5	34.1	-1.7
2000	36.9	1.9	37.7	0.5	37.3	-4.4	35.6	7.9	37.5	2.2	35.4	3.8
2001	36.3	-1.6	38.6	2.4	37.6	0.8	34.4	-3.4	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.3
2002	35.8	-1.4	36.3	-6.0	37.8	0.5	33.4	-2.9	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2003	35.6	-0.6	36.4	0.3	37.9	0.3	34.4	3.0	35.6	-1.1	34.6	-1.1
2004	36.3	2.0	36.9	1.4	39.3	3.7	31.8	-7.6	36.0	1.1	36.2	4.6
2005	36.7	1.1	37.1	0.5	40.6	3.3	35.8	12.6	36.5	1.4	36.2	0.0
2005 Jan	35.5	0.9	32.0	5.6	38.4	-4.2	39.7	15.1	37.6	4.4	32.7	-3.8
Feb	37.8	1.1	33.3	-5.7	41.4	0.2	39.5	10.0	38.0	2.4	37.5	0.0
Mar	38.1	5.8	37.1	12.4	39.9	7.8	36.1	23.2	37.6	5.0	38.5	2.9
Apr	38.7	9.9	38.3	8.5	36.6	15.5	38.1	40.1	38.8	7.8	39.0	10.8
May	38.1	1.9	39.5	0.0	42.8	11.7	38.7	7.2	36.7	0.0	38.1	1.6
Jun	38.1	-1.3	40.4	-0.7	41.7	1.0	34.1	11.4	38.4	2.7	36.6	-7.3
Jul	36.8	0.0	40.2	12.0	43.5	7.1	35.0	8.7	35.4	-1.4	36.2	-3.7
Aug	35.9	-0.6	39.2	-0.8	41.1	-1.2	32.4	2.9	35.0	0.3	35.2	-1.9
Sep	38.3	-0.3	37.3	1.1	43.6	4.3	32.4	-15.2	37.6	-1.3	38.5	0.5
Oct	33.2	-0.6	35.3	-13.3	36.0	-3.7	34.3	37.8	32.0	-1.8	33.3	3.1
Nov	33.6	-1.5	33.3	-8.5	39.5	-0.5	31.9	10.0	32.5	-2.7	33.9	1.2
Dec	37.1	-0.5	35.9	0.3	42.2	8.5	35.8	7.8	38.2	0.0	35.3	-2.2
2006 Jan	37.1	4.5	31.6	-1.3	42.0	9.4	34.2	-13.9	37.6	0.0	36.6	11.9
Feb	36.5	-3.4	30.3	-9.0	37.8	-8.7	35.9	-9.1	36.9	-2.9	36.8	-1.9
Mar	36.6	-3.9	29.1	-21.6	39.4	-1.3	43.9	21.6	37.0	-1.6	36.6	-4.9
Apr	32.6	-15.8	32.4	-15.4	38.6	5.5	34.3	-10.0	32.5	-16.2	31.5	-19.2
May	37.2	-2.4	36.3	-8.1	39.0	-8.9	36.8	-4.9	36.7	0.0	37.4	-1.8
Jun	38.0	-0.3	37.0	-8.4	40.8	-2.2	40.9	19.9	38.0	-1.0	37.4	2.2
Jul	36.2	-1.6	38.2	-5.0	37.2	-14.5	32.3	-7.7	36.6	3.4	35.4	-2.2
Aug	35.4	-1.4	35.8	-8.7	40.5	-1.5	32.3	-0.3	34.8	-0.6	34.8	-1.1
Sep	38.5	0.5	39.3	5.4	43.4	-0.5	38.0	17.3	37.9	0.8	37.7	-2.1
Oct	34.7	4.5	42.5	20.4	39.0	8.3	32.7	-4.7	33.6	5.0	33.5	0.6
Nov	37.8	12.5	38.6	15.9	41.9	6.1	40.4	26.6	37.1	14.2	37.2	9.7
Dec	37.0	-0.3	33.1	-7.8	42.4	0.5	38.4	7.3	36.9	-3.4	36.4	3.1
Average:												
Jan-Dec05	36.8		36.8		40.6		35.7		36.5		36.2	
Jan-Dec06	36.5		35.4		40.2		36.7		36.3		35.9	
% Change	-0.8		-4.0		-1.0		2.8		-0.5		-0.8	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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3.5B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1996	32.3		35.5		33.1		33.4		36.4		29.8		29.3		29.5		33.2		33.2	
1997	32.0	-0.9	36.2	2.0	33.2	0.3	33.8	1.2	35.3	-3.0	29.3	-1.7	29.3	0.0	29.4	-0.3	33.1	-0.3	33.0	-0.6
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.6	-0.6	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.8	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.8	-0.9	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.2	-1.1	31.8	-0.3	33.1	-1.5	35.1	1.7	27.9	0.0	29.5	3.1	29.8	-2.0	32.9	0.3	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.8	32.0	0.6	33.9	2.4	35.5	1.1	29.7	6.5	30.6	3.7	29.6	-0.7	34.2	4.0	33.2	2.2
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.2	-2.5	32.9	-2.9	33.8	-4.8	28.7	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	0.7	31.7	-7.3	32.2	-3.0
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	-0.3	33.3	1.2	34.0	0.6	29.0	1.0	29.1	0.7	28.0	-6.0	33.3	5.0	32.0	-0.6
2003	30.8	-0.6	35.8	2.9	30.8	-1.0	32.2	-3.3	34.2	0.6	28.1	-3.1	28.0	-3.8	29.0	3.6	32.2	-3.3	31.8	-0.6
2004	31.2	1.3	36.5	2.0	31.1	1.0	32.2	0.0	35.3	3.2	26.8	-4.6	29.1	3.9	29.3	1.0	32.3	0.3	32.3	1.6
2005	31.5	1.0	36.5	0.0	31.1	0.0	32.9	2.2	35.1	-0.6	28.4	6.0	29.9	2.7	29.4	0.3	32.5	0.6	32.6	0.9
2005 Jan	32.1	1.3	36.2	2.3	30.4	-1.9	33.6	2.4	35.4	-2.7	31.8	-2.5	32.4	7.3	30.0	6.8	34.2	2.1	32.8	1.2
Feb	32.8	1.5	37.8	5.3	31.1	0.0	33.9	0.9	37.0	-4.9	31.8	-0.9	30.2	-0.3	30.9	9.2	34.6	-2.0	33.8	1.2
Mar	32.7	7.6	37.4	1.9	31.4	0.0	33.9	4.0	37.6	2.2	31.6	116.4	31.0	7.6	28.3	0.0	34.0	2.7	33.8	7.3
Apr	32.8	9.0	36.3	2.0	32.5	6.9	34.3	11.7	37.4	12.7	33.1	20.4	30.3	9.4	28.5	2.5	35.4	24.6	34.0	9.0
May	32.7	0.9	37.4	-0.5	31.8	1.3	35.1	2.3	35.3	-4.6	32.4	6.9	31.9	2.2	29.0	0.7	32.6	-5.5	33.8	1.2
Jun	32.6	0.0	38.8	-1.8	31.9	-2.1	33.9	2.7	35.9	0.3	33.1	9.2	30.5	2.0	30.2	0.3	32.7	-2.1	33.8	-0.3
Jul	30.3	-1.3	37.4	-1.3	30.5	-3.8	32.1	-3.0	33.4	-3.2	15.6	2.6	29.4	5.8	30.9	2.0	32.0	1.3	31.8	-0.9
Aug	29.5	-0.3	34.9	-3.9	30.2	-2.9	31.8	3.9	32.2	-2.4	13.8	-13.8	27.4	1.9	30.5	4.8	29.1	-7.6	30.9	-0.3
Sep	32.3	-2.1	35.9	-5.0	31.7	-2.5	32.9	-1.5	35.3	-8.1	33.3	2.1	30.3	2.0	30.4	-0.3	32.0	-2.1	33.5	-1.8
Oct	28.4	-3.1	34.3	2.1	29.3	1.7	29.1	-2.7	32.3	4.5	17.6	-35.5	27.0	-0.7	28.3	-2.7	30.0	6.4	29.4	-2.6
Nov	29.6	0.0	33.6	-2.3	29.5	1.4	30.7	3.0	32.1	-0.3	28.0	9.8	28.3	0.7	27.2	-11.4	30.1	4.5	30.4	-0.7
Dec	32.8	0.0	38.1	4.4	32.7	3.5	33.6	3.4	36.8	-1.6	33.6	4.7	30.7	-1.6	28.8	-4.6	33.8	-6.9	33.7	0.0
2006 Jan	33.0	2.8	37.7	4.1	32.7	7.6	34.9	3.9	37.8	6.8	33.5	5.3	30.4	-6.2	28.4	-5.3	35.3	3.2	33.8	3.0
Feb	32.4	-1.2	37.6	-0.5	31.2	0.3	33.4	-1.5	36.9	-0.3	31.8	0.0	31.5	4.3	27.2	-12.0	35.1	1.4	33.2	-1.8
Mar	30.0	-8.3	36.0	-3.7	30.7	-2.2	32.7	-3.5	34.4	-8.5	18.6	-41.1	27.9	-10.0	28.0	-1.1	31.7	-6.8	31.4	-7.1
Apr	29.2	-11.0	34.3	-5.5	29.1	-10.5	29.6	-13.7	30.8	-17.6	28.5	-13.9	26.7	-11.9	27.5	-3.5	29.3	-17.2	29.9	-12.1
May	33.0	0.9	37.3	-0.3	32.4	1.9	33.0	-6.0	35.7	1.1	31.8	-1.9	30.4	-4.7	29.2	0.7	36.5	12.0	33.8	0.0
Jun	32.9	0.9	38.6	-0.5	31.6	-0.9	33.0	-2.7	35.3	-1.7	33.1	0.0	31.0	1.6	30.5	1.0	34.5	5.5	33.9	0.3
Jul	30.5	0.7	38.1	1.9	31.5	3.3	28.9	-10.0	33.9	1.5	17.4	11.5	29.4	0.0	30.6	-1.0	31.4	-1.9	31.8	0.0
Aug	29.9	1.4	37.1	6.3	30.9	2.3	30.7	-3.5	33.3	3.4	16.8	21.7	28.2	2.9	29.9	-2.0	29.3	0.7	31.1	0.6
Sep	32.8	1.5	36.7	2.2	32.7	3.2	33.4	1.5	35.9	1.7	32.0	-3.9	32.0	5.6	29.7	-2.3	33.7	5.3	34.0	1.5
Oct	29.6	4.2	34.4	0.3	30.3	3.4	29.3	0.7	31.8	-1.5	26.5	50.6	28.5	5.6	29.0	2.5	28.5	-5.0	30.7	4.4
Nov	32.3	9.1	37.8	12.5	31.6	7.1	33.3	8.5	33.6	4.7	31.3	11.8	32.6	15.2	29.1	7.0	34.5	14.6	33.5	10.2
Dec	32.4	-1.2	38.3	0.5	32.2	-1.5	33.7	0.3	33.8	-8.2	31.1	-7.4	31.4	2.3	30.7	6.6	33.4	-1.2	33.4	-0.9
Average:																				
Jan-Dec05	31.6		36.5		31.1		32.9		35.1		28.0		30.0		29.4		32.5		32.6	
Jan-Dec06	31.5		37.0		31.4		32.2		34.4		27.7		30.0		29.2		32.8		32.5	
% Change	-0.2		1.3		1.0		-2.3		-1.8		-1.0		0.2		-0.9		0.7		-0.3	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on the 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions or comments should be directed to Karen Kirby at (250) 356-7870 or Karen.Kirby@gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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